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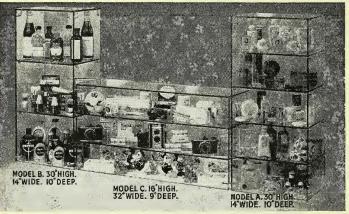
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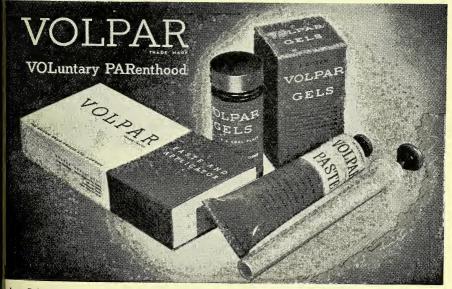
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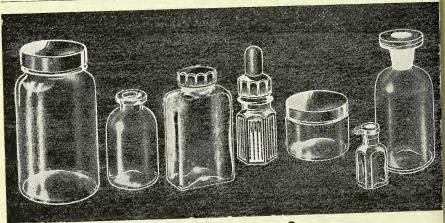
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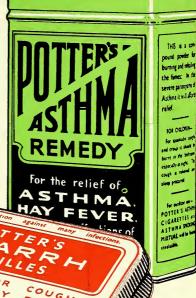
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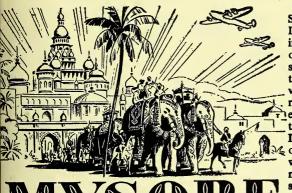
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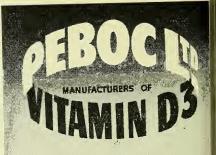
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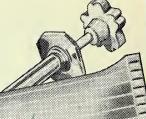
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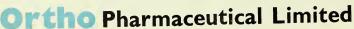
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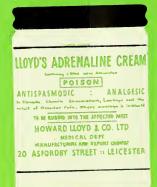
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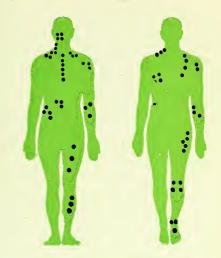


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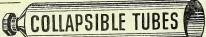
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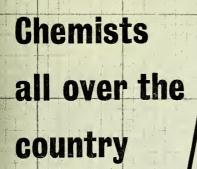
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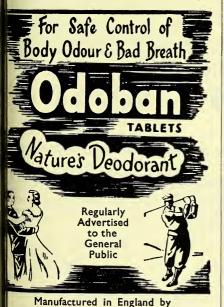
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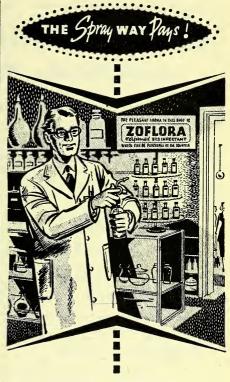
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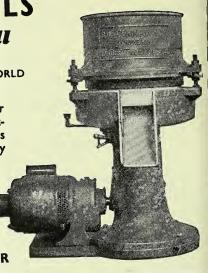
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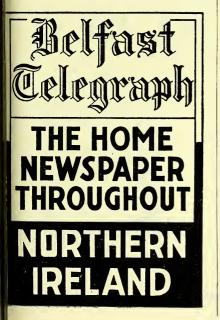
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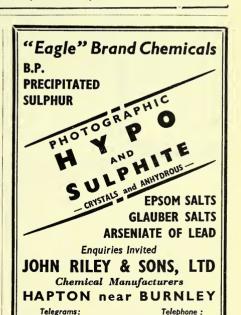
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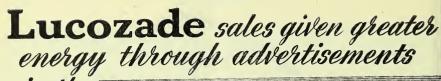
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Educational Appeals. — A target £50,000 is aimed at for the 107th 952) maintenance appeal of the Royal ommercial Travellers' Schools, Hatch and, Middlesex. The president of the opeal will be Alderman C. Gordon Mayard. Donations should be sent to Mr. H. Carpenter (secretary), Kings Court, B Broadway, London, S.W.I.—The D. J. Villiams Bursary Fund of the Bristol chool of Pharmacy is appealing for sub-

scriptions to be used to provide financial assistance to post-graduate research students. Donations should be sent to Mr. W. Cooper (treasurer), the School of Pharmacy, College of Technology, Unity Street, Bristol, 1.

Chemists' Exhibition. — The fifty-first chemists' exhibition is being held at the Royal Horticultural Hall, London, S.W.I, September 29-October 2. It will be opened by the president of the Pharmaceutical Society (Alderman W. J. Tristram). In addition to trade displays a retail dispensary exhibit and a hospital pharmacy and laboratory will be exhibited.

Expensive Prescription Claims.—The Ministry of Health has announced that orders for trusses and elastic hosiery supplied from July under the National Health Service are to be excluded from the classes of expensive prescriptions which may be sent in for special pricing. Chemists who have submitteed ECN62 claims are being sent copies of a form which they are requested to fill in and attach to the expensive prescriptions sent in separately for July on-

wards. A form should be obtained from the Pricing Bureau by any other chemist wishing to submit a claim.

Origin of a Thermometer.—The report on the work of the National Physical Laboratory for the years 1940-45 recently published (H.M. Stationery Office, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, price 5s.) reveals that for use in hyperthermy treatment a clinical resistance thermometer outfit was designed in the physics division for the Army Medical Services. It had an accuracy of about ± 0.02° F, and permitted a continuous watch to be kept on the temperature of the patient throughout treatment without frequently opening the cabinet.

Memorandum on Optical Registration.—The council of the Institute of Optical Science has published a memorandum on the report of the interdepartmental committee on the statutory registration of opticians (see C. & D., May 17, p. 663). The Institute would welcome statutory registration of opticians, but not, states the memorandum, on the terms given in the report. Some of the conditions are regarded as detrimental to the interests of the optical profession and the public. The council is issuing a questionnaire so as to obtain a mandate from its members.

Report on Caribbean Area.—A report on the British Dependencies in the Caribbean and North Atlantic for the years 1939-1952 published by H.M. Stationery Office (Cmd. No. 8575, price 3s. 6d.), states that malaria has ceased to be the most endemic disease in many of the territories because of the effective control of mosquitoes by DDT. Tuberculosis is now a serious problem. In British Guiana, for example, there had been slow improvement up to 1947 but since then the incidence of pulmonary tuberculosis had risen from 53 to 90 per 100,000.

Tuberculosis Conference. — On the second day (July 9) of the Commonwealth and Empire Health Tuberculosis Conference (see C. & D., July 12, p. 33), Mr. Iain MacLeod (Minister of Health) said that deaths from tuberculosis in England and Wales were, in 1951, the lowest on record. Mr. MacLeod said that it was not felt that the time had yet come to make BCG vaccine available for general use. That, view was based on expert judgment, and was not due to limitations of supply of the vaccine or to financial economy. It was not necessarily a fixed policy. The Ministry would take careful account of

whatever expert advice might be fort coming in the light of continuing studend research. Mr. Oliver Lyttelton (Secretary of State for the Colonies) said the since in the Colonies, the spread of malar had greatly decreased through the dicovery of new insecticides, tuberculos is now at the head of the list of "kill diseases."

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Examination Results. — The following satisfied the examiners in the Chemist and Druggist Qualifying examination in England and Wales held by the Pharmaceut cal Society in July:—

Alexander, Kenneth M. Biles, Mary J. Bove, Angelica M. Bowen, Pauline G. Bowman, Arnold H. Callow, John R. Carter, Donald Carter, Raymond P. Challinor, Nora M. Claret, Barbara A. Cole, Percy J. A. Colwell, Jean R. Cross, Jean M. Davies, John G. L. Davies, Kathleen R. Demby, Carl Emery, Beryl F. M. Faulkner, Joan Fletcher, Charles Frampton, Joan P. Gibson, Dorothy M. Grundlingh, Sheila Hague, Elizabeth M. Harrison, Donald G. Hicks, Jean M. Hunt, Valerie Hunter, Neville R. Hurr, David J. W. Keane, David G. Lewis, Albert J.

Liber, Edward Major, Dorothy (Mrs Miles, Arthur W. Morris, Margaret C. O'Hea, Kathleen E. Parry-Jones, John Payne, Joy C. V. Pitcher, Irene Rainbow, Doreen R. Renek, Krystyna Robertson, Eunice M Siddy, Joan M. Slack, Joel A. H. Thomas, Betty A. Thomas, Ieuan E. Thomas, Thomas E. Thorne, Valerie M. Tuffin, Richard E. Wagstaff, Helen (Mrs Waldron, Anne Wand, Sylvia J. Ward, Mary E. Whipps, Barbara W. White, Reginald W. Whitehead, Joan D. Woodhead, Eunice Woodyatt, Anita P. Worrell, Joyce M. Young, Marion P.

### LOCAL NEWS

Liverpool Outing. — The Liverpool Chemists' Association and Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society held a well-attended excursion, organised by Mr. J. Farrer-Barnes, to Speke Hall on July 23. Refreshments were served in the great hall. The thanks of the visitors were expressed to the warden by Mr. L. A. Butt (vice-president).

New Laboratories for Leicester School.

—Three new laboratories (for pharmacology, bacteriology and research) are being provided at the School of Pharmacy, Leicester College of Technology. The extensions are intended for the use of students taking external B.Pharm. degrees, study for which is commencing in September.

Praise for Lincolnshire Chemists.—
The smooth running of the National Health Service in the Holland, Lincs, area and the way in which pharmacists and the local Executive Council co-operated, were mentioned by Mr. E. W. Roythorne (chairman of the Lincolnshire (Holland) Executive Council) at a dinner of the Lincs (Holland) Pharmacists' Association held in Boston recently. Mr. P. D. J. Spaanderman (a member of the Executive of the National Pharmaceutical Union) pointed out that the National Health Service had done much to ensure that dispensing was carried out by pharmacists. Dr. J. Fielding (County Medical Officer of Health) described the progress towards prevention of disease.

Company Scholarship Examination.— Timothy Whites & Taylors, Ltd., held heir annual scholarship and prize examnation at the University of Leeds on July 22. More than 150 students under the company's training scheme sat for the exmination after which they made a tour of the company's head office and warenouses at Burley Hill, Leeds, and the nanufacturing premises of the subsidiary ompany, W. B. Cartwright, Ltd., Rowlon. A presentation of long service awards vas later made to eight members of the ompany's staff by Mr. G. I. Rushton vice-chairman and managing director). ach man received a cheque for £100 for orty years' service and each woman £50 or twenty-five years' service. The 200th ong service award went to Mr. P. C. Junday, Kingston-on-Thames.

Birmingham Analyst's Report. — Mr. I. H. Bagnall (Birmingham City Analyst)

in his recently issued report for the first quarter of 1952 records that the following informal samples of drugs taken by his department were incorrect:-Ammonia (one of three); disinfectant (one of seven); eye lotion (one of two); glycerin (one of three); health salts (one of three); tincture of iodine (one of two); ammoniated tinc-ture of quinine (two of three); sal volatile (one of two); seidlitz powders (three of eight); and white precipitate ointment (one of three). The eye lotion that was wrong had a formula on the carton which did not correspond with the correct formula on the bottle. The sample of health salts was shown on the label to contain 5.75 per cent, sodium sulphate. That figure was found to apply to anhydrous salt (equivalent to 13 per cent. of British Pharmacopæial sodium sulphate). The makers agreed to insert the word "exsicc." The tincture of iodine was B.P. 1932 stock. One sample of ammoniated tincture of quinine was labelled B.P. although it is not included in the B.P. 1948, but in the British Pharmaceutical Codex, 1949. It was also deficient in ammonia and was unsatisfactorily packed with a plastic screw cap. The other incorrect sample of ammoniated tincture of quinine and the sample of sal volatile were also deficient in ammonia. The three wrong samples of seidlitz powder were not of B.P. quality; the wrappers of two samples were not damp-proof; in the third case the sample was stated to be lemon flavoured but there was no trace of that flavour.

### SPORT

Golf.—Birmingham and Manchester Chemists' Golfing Societies annual match for B.D.H. trophy at Hawkestone Park, July 20 (decided on alliance scoring). Winners: Manchester (505 strokes for seven pairs against Birmingham's 513). Individual prize for Lilo trophy (best net score): Mr. W. E. Phillipson, Manchester (6), 68 net. Presentations were made by Mr. J. E. Mossman on behalf of The British Drug Houses, Ltd. and by Mr. A. Pullen for P. B. Cow & Co., Ltd.

# SCOTTISH NEWS

Pharmacy Explained to Young Scots.

—A recent article in a series "Careers for Young Scots" in the Glasgow "Bulletin," dealt with the subject of pharmacy.

Hamilton Rota Scheme. — National Health Service chemist contractors in Hamilton, Lanarks, started, on June 22, a rota service for Sunday and whole holiday duties. The Sunday hours of service are from 2 to 4 p.m.

Aberdeen Delegates Report.—A meeting of the Aberdeen Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society was held in Aberdeen on June 5. Messrs. R. J. Cowie (vice-chairman) and W. S. Taylor (secretary) reported on their attendance at the recent Branch Representatives' meetings of the Society and Scottish Department in London and Edinburgh respectively.

Expensive Prescribing Penalised.—As the result of an inquiry made by a subcommittee of the local Medical Committee on the instructions of the Department of Health, Inverness Executive Council on July 10 agreed that a fine of £25 should be imposed upon a doctor for the excessive use of expensive proprietary preparations. In one case there had been a cost of £540 for 157 prescriptions, and in another 137 prescriptions were priced at £60 15s. 4d.

Heriot-Watt Prize-winners .- At the annual presentation ceremony of the Heriot-Watt College in Edinburgh on July 10, the following were among the awards presented by the lord provost of Edinburgh (Mr. James Miller, chairman of the governors of the College): - Duncan Memorial medal and prize for Pharmaceutical Chemist Qualifying examination course, third year, J. Rutherford Hill Conference prize for pharmaceutics and Evans prize for pharmaceutical chemistry: Peter H. Smith; Boots prize for Pharmaceutical Chemist Qualifying examination course, third year, Victor N. Coward; Evans prizes for Pharmaceutical Chemist Qualifying examination course, second year, William Y. Samuel and Alistair J. Fraser; Boots prize for Pharmaceutical Chemist Qualifying examination course, second year: Leslie Flint; and Malpas Memorial prize for physics (Intermediate examination course): John S. S. Kerr.

Levy "Conceived in Haste." — At a meeting of the Edinburgh Executive Council recently, Mr. J. C. Somerville, M.P.S., said that the regulations imposing the shilling levy had been "conceived in haste by people with no idea of the circumstances under which they have to be implemented." The Council agreed, unanimously, to forward to the annual conference of the Scottish Association of Health Executive Councils, to be held in Inverness in September, a resolution asking that the prescription levy be altered "in order to obviate embarrassment caused to patients by having to disclose their circumstances in a public place." Bailie J. J. Stone suggested the regulations might be

altered so that persons entitled to the free prescription could present their credentials to their medical practitioner, who would then issue a prescription on a special form which, when presented to the chemist, would be dispensed without the need for payment.

# IRISH NEWS

Closed During August.—The headquarters of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland at 18 Shrewsbury Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin, will be closed during the month of August.

Consultants Not to Issue Prescriptions.—Arrangements between the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority and the General Health Services Board for the issue of prescriptions by consultants in hospitals have been terminated. In future, consultants will not prescribe medicines or appliances for patients leaving hospital but will refer the duty to the patients' general practitioners.

N.I. Society's Council Entertained .-The president (Mr. H. W. Gamble) and members of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland, accompanied by their ladies, were the guests of the Londonderry and Strabane Chemists' Association on July 24. Following the Council's monthly meeting and a luncheon in Londonderry, the members were taken to Binion Bay and Clonmaney where they were entertained to tea. They were welcomed on behalf of the Londonderry and Strabane Association by Messrs. R. R. Harpur (chairman), E. O'Hare (secretary) and S. E. Campbell (the local representa-Mr. Gamble retive on the Council). turned thanks for what he described as a happy annual visitation.



Members of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland in Londonderry on July 24. In front from left to right are Messrs. E. O'Hare (secretary of the Londonderry and Strabare Chemists' Association), S. E. Campbell (Londonderry representative on the Council), H. W. Gamble (president of the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland), W. H. Boyd (vice-president), James Irwin and H. J. Cousley.

# TOPICAL REFLECTIONS

Apprenticeship Discussed

The discussion at Edinburgh on apprenticeship (pp. 121-23) is well worth reading. Practical as usual, the Scottish pharmacists did not hesitate to put forward their own views, even when those views may have appealed to only a minority. Three of the speeches are all that I have space to mention. "The replacement of men able to practise retail or dispensing pharmacy" was, Mr. H. H. Campbell said, the matter on which the profession should concentrate. "Concentrate" may not be the most suitable word in this connection; but the replacement referred to should, I suggest, be the first consideration, because most pharmacists choose retail business for a career. In a pharmacy school, Mr. Campbell continued, not training but only finishing touches can be given. He regards it as a dangerous practice to put graduates on the Register without proper practical training; if the time comes when they decide to open a pharmacy, it may, he says, lead to trouble. Another thoughtful speech was made by Mr. C. G. Drummond, who would like to see training extended in a more cultural way. I agree with his view that, in the past, pharmacy "lost a great deal through the narrow training ground which it offered." University graduates are reputed to be sent into the world with an adequate cultural background; but it may be long before a university training becomes the usual way into pharmacy. Finally, Dr. Mc-Call's question whether the age of twentyone is too early for admission to the Register should be considered seriously. Medical men and dentists are not registered at that age; pharmacists might gain from registration at, say, twenty-three as the minimum age.

### Dr. George Urdang

The celebration of Dr. George Urdang's seventieth birthday and of the completion of his professorship of the history of pharmacy at Wisconsin University (p. 111) was a fitting recognition of a distinguished pharmacist. After graduating in 1905 at Leipzig University, Dr. Urdang was for nine years the proprietor of a pharmacy at Rosenberg, West Prussia. He was editor of the "Pharmazeutische Zeitung" from 1919 till 1934. During those years he became Doctor of Natural Science of Halle-Wittenberg University, and founded at Innsbruck,

with the help of friends, the Gesellschaft für Geschichte der Pharmazie. This body, with a membership of more than 1,000, became inactive during the recent war but was revived in 1949 with the prefix "Internationale." Dr. Urdang arrived in the United States in 1938. In the following year he obtained a degree at Long Island University and passed the pharmacy examination of New York State. In collaboration with the late Dr. Edward Kremers he wrote the Kremers-Urdang History of Pharmacy: the second edition, revised by him, appeared last year. The American Institute of the History of Pharmacy, of which he remains the director, was founded in 1941. Between 1940 and 1952 a constant flow of books, pamphlets and articles has come from his pen, and during the same period, numerous distinctions have been conferred on him.

### Before Thermometers Were Used

We may wonder how heat was estimated in pharmaceutical operations requiring it before thermometers were used. Experi-ence in handling one set of apparatus was no doubt an important guide. In comparatively recent years I have known a satisfactory ointment of mercuric nitrate made without the help of a thermometer; and one of the most accomplished pharmacists of my acquaintance scorned the use of a water bath for making suppositories. In pre-thermometric days, furnaces of different designs had separate uses. By careful management of flues and manipulation of fuel a range of temperature was obtained. For prolonged operations baths of various kinds came into requisition. The water bath (balneum humidum immersionis), into which another vessel was inserted, had its twin in the steam bath (balneum vaporosum), where no such contact took place. There were three kinds of dry bath—the sand bath, the bath of ashes (balneum cinerum), and the bath of iron filings (balneum scobis ferri). importance of obtaining what were regarded as correct amounts of heat was set forth in "Chimia in Artis Formam Redacta," a seventeenth-century treatise by Zacharia Brendel. Its numerous sections were allotted to details of the degrees of heat and the kinds of baths required for the operations described by the author. The processes selected by him are of considerable interest in the pharmaceutical world. Xrayser

# **NEW COMPANIES**

PROSTAN LABORATORIES, LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £100. To carry on the business of manufacturers of and dealers in pharmaceutical, medicinal and chemical products, etc. Gladys Fane and Robert E. Smith, subscribers, R.O.: 2 Broad Street Place, London, E.C.2.

Wardle Factors, Ltd. (P.C.).—Capital £1,000. To carry on the business of importers, exporters, dealers and manufacturers of chemicals, drugs, medicines, etc. Doris Hudson, Joan R. Borin and Joyce Wacks, directors. R.O.: 18 Lloyd Street, Manchester, 2.

AIDEE HOME & EXPORT CO., LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £100. To deal in all kinds of articles, in particular chemicals and cosmetics, etc. Leopold K. Wynschenk and Noreen E. B. Wynschenk, subscribers. R.O.: 20 Vicarage Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

CREIGHTON LABORATORIES, LTD. (P.C.).
—Capital £1,000. To carry on the business of manufacturers of and dealers in chemicals, drugs, gases, medicines, etc.
Muriel E. Pink and Douglas H. H.
McDonald, 190 Creighton Avenue, London, N.2.

FRESHNESS, LTD. (P.C.). — Capital £1,000. To carry on the business of manufacturers of and dealers in toilet, chemical, medicinal and other preparations, etc. Stephen A. Fenlaugh and John F. Goble, subscribers. Solicitors: Herbert Smith & Co., 62 London Wall, London, E.C.2.

WILSON & WOODS, LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £100. To carry on the business of manufacturers of and dealers in chemicals, insecticides, etc. Ernest Wilson, Edwin F. J. Woods, Jack R. Wilson and Kenneth Wilson, directors. R.O.: 21 High Road, Willesden Green, London, N.W.10.

A. J. GEMMILL & Co. (DYESTUFFS), LTD. (P.C.). — Registered in Edinburgh. Capital £2,000. To carry on the business of agents for manufacturers of and dealers in chemical goods, gases, drugs, etc. A. J. Gemmill and Robert Russell, directors. R.O.: 27 Oswald Street, Glasgow, C.1.

HARRY DEVON & Co., Ltd. (P.C.).—Capital £100. Objects: To carry on the business of manufacturers of and dealers in waving lotions of all kinds, etc. Harry Devon, John Collins and Henry Da Costa, directors. R.O.: 46 Curzon Street, London, W.I.

FEEDRITE, LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £100. To sustain and develop the invention known as the Feedrite baby feeder, etc. Joyce French and Stanley E. Renshaw, subscribers. R.O.: Norfolk House, 7 Laurence Pountney Hill, London, E.C.4.

JOHN CLARK & Co. (MANUFACTURING CHEMISTS), LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £5,000. To acquire the business of manufacturing chemists, carried on as John Clark & Co., at 75 West Street, Sheffield. Charles A. Gardner, M.P.S., (Mrs.) I. Gardner and Charles W. N. Gardner, directors.

PINECLIFF PHARMACIES, LTD. (P.C.).—Capital £100. To carry on the business of wholesale and retail chemists and druggists, photographers, etc. Sidney Ginsley, Zena Ginsley, John Cohen, M.P.S., and Barbara P. Cohen, directors. R.O.: 203 Seabourne Road, West Southbourne, Bournemouth.

# Company News ·

Barclay & Sons, Ltd.—Net profit for 1951 was £4,116 (against a loss of £3,568 in the previous year) after taxation, £457 (nil) and after providing £8,100 for compensation and damages to directors for termination of contracts, etc. A balance of £1,926 is carried forward and a dividend of 5 per cent. (nil) is proposed on ordinary capital.

Mellins Food, Ltd. — Gross profits on departmental trading for year ended March 31 did not cover overhead expenses and a loss of £4,467 added to debit balance of £800 brought in, increased the total deficit on profit and loss account to £5,267. • Capital gain of £22,215 was realised from sale of property at Peckham, thus greatly strengthening company's finances.

VITAMINS, LTD.—Group profit for the year ended March 31 was £44,529 (against £63,755 in the previous year) after all charges other than U.K. taxation and including £3,011 surplus on repatriation of an overseas holding. U.K. taxation amounts to £16,751 (£20,225 less provision no longer required, £12,383=£7,842) leaving net group profit £27,778 (£55,913). The directors state that the turnover was a record and the higher trends of costs which adversely affected net margins during the year have now been reversed. Dividend of twopence per 1s. share, less tax, is recommended.

# **PERSONALITIES**

MR. ROBERT GEORGE COCKBURN, M.P.S., Raunds, Northants, has been returned as an independent to the local urban council.

MR. M. Woolf has retired after twenty years as representative in the Birmingham area for A. L. Simpkin & Co., Ltd., Sheffield.

MR. NORMAN HOUNSLOW, M.P.S., Long Sutton, Lincs, was awarded first prize for the best decorated shop front in a competition in connection with the Long Sutton agricultural show.

The following have recently been elected Fellows of the Institute of Directors: Messrs. H. L. Curry (Cuxson Gerrard & Co., Ltd.), A. S. Cussons (Cussons, Sons & Co., Ltd.), Lieutenant-Colonel H. B. Dawson and Lieutenant-Colonel J. K. L. Wenham (Pond's Extract Co., Ltd.), Messrs. H. de Lacy and J. H. Read (Allied Paints & Chemicals, Ltd.), A. P. Homer (Ethicon Suture Laboratories, Ltd.), W. E. K. Piercy (Thomas Tyrer & Co., Ltd.), and J. D. Robinson (The Wellcome Foundation, Ltd.).

MR. JOHN RYAN, C.B.E., M.C. (vice-chairman, Metal Box Co., Ltd.), has been elected chairman of the British Standards Institution. Mr. Ryan was appointed chairman of the packaging standards committee on its formation in 1941 and he was concerned with the development of the wartime packaging code. In 1948 he succeeded Sir Roger Duncalfe (now president, B.S.I.) as chairman of the B.S.I. finance committee, and since then he has served on the general council and on its executive committee. Mr. Ryan is also a member and a fellow of the Royal Statistical Society.

MISS E. M. BRISTOWE, Ph.C., the recently elected president of the Hounslow Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society, is chief pharmacist at the West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth. Miss Bristowe qualified as a chemist and druggist in 1918 and as a pharmaceutical chemist in 1922, taking her training at the then College of the Pharmaceutical Society. After retail and hospital experience (including a period at the Royal Free Hospital, London, as assistant pharmacist), she joined the staff of The British Drug Houses, Ltd., as pharmacist in charge of the poisons department. Subsequently she returned to the School of Pharmacy as demonstrator in pharmacy and personal assistant to Professor Greenish (Dean).

# DEATHS

BRIGHT. — On July 26, suddenly, Mr. Richard Rowland Bright, M.P.S., 168 Church Road, Willesden, London, N.W.10. Mr. Bright qualified in 1920.

BUCKLEY.—At his home, on July 26, Mr. Frank Buckley, M.P.S., Clifton Villa, Oakworth, Keighley, Yorks, aged fifty-five. Mr. Buckley is survived by his widow and two daughters

ELLIOT.—On July 20, Mr. William Marshall Elliot, Bingham House, Coldstream, Berwicks. Mr. Elliot qualified as a chemist and druggist in 1888.

FOOTE. — At 16 Kirkhill Road, Edinburgh, on July 22, Mr. James Miller Foote, M.P.S., 55A Mayfield Road, Edinburgh, 9. Mr. Foote qualified in 1900.

HIGHFIELD.—On June 27, Mr. Henry Highfield, Ph.C., Market Street, Huthwaite, Nottinghams, aged eighty. Mr. Highfield was a life member of the Pharmaceutical Society. He is survived by two sons.

HUNTER.—At his home, on July 22, Mr. Thomas Hunter, M.P.S., 6 Matilda Road, Glasgow, S.1. Mr. Hunter qualified in 1901.

JOHNSTON.—On July 16, Mr. Robert Adamson Johnston, 3 Ellice Place, St. Andrews, Fife. Mr. Johnston qualified as a chemist and druggist in 1900.

PALMER.—On December 11, 1951, Mr. Washington Palmer, M.P.S., 175 School Lane, East Didsbury, Manchester, Mr. Palmer qualified in 1901.

STUART.—On July 20, Mr. David Stuart, M.P.S., 747 Ormskirk Road, Pemberton, Lancs, aged fifty-eight. Mr. Stuart is survived by his widow.

THOMPSON. — At Farnborough, Hants, on July 22, Miss Louisa Thompson, M.P.S., Bolton. Miss Thompson, who was chief pharmacist at Bolton Royal Infirmary until January, qualified in 1917.

# WILLS

Mr. G. Hampton, M.P.S., 66 Elm Tree Avenue, Coventry, left £5,306 (£5,762 net).

MR. G. W. EVANS, M.P.S., 40 Mount Park Crescent, Ealing, London, W.5, left £23,253 (£22,773 net). He left £52 to the Pharmaceutical Society's Benevolent Fund.

MR. A. F. CORFE, PH.C., Malvern House, Ashford Road, Maidstone, Kent, left £31,922 (£31,050 net). He left £100 to the Pharmaceutical Society's Benevolent Fund.

# THE WEEK IN PARLIAMENT

By a Member of the Press Gallery, House of Commons

THE Minister of Food was asked by SIR WALDRON SMITHERS on July 21 what steps he was taking to implement the recommendations of the Medical Research Council for the addition of iodine to all salt for human consumption. Major G. LLOYD GEORGE: The Food Standards Committee will, I hope, be able to advise me fairly soon how best to give effect to the recommendations.

### Prescription Levy

MISS M. P. HORNSBY-SMITH (Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health) told Mr. B. JANNER on July 24 that full information on the amount of money collected so far under the levy scheme in the National Health Service was not yet avail-The gross amount accruing from the charge on prescriptions dispensed in June was likely to be about £418,000.

### Purchase Tax Investigations

MR. C. OSBORNE asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer on July 24 whether he could make a further statement concerning committees which he proposed to set up to deal with the treatment of taxed stocks on a reduction of purchase tax, and with the question of valuation of goods for purchase tax purposes. Mr. R. A. BUTLER (Chancellor of the Exchequer): "I am now in a position to announce the setting up of a committee on the question of taxed stocks under the chairmanship of Sir Maurice Hutton." Members of the Committee would be: Messrs. B. Blackwell, C. E. Davies, J. Lawrie, W. K. MacC. Slimmings, A. Whittaker and G. D. N. Worswick. Its terms of reference would be:-

To examine the position of traders holding stocks of goods on which purchase tax or other duties of Customs and Excise have been paid, on an alteration of those rates on tax or duty; to consider how far there is a case in principle for the payment of compensation at the expense of the Crown for loss occasioned by a reduction of tax; in so far as the committee consider that there is a case in principle for such compensation, to report what detailed arrangements can be recommended as being practicable and equitable as between one trader and another and as between the trade and the Revenue and to make such supplementary or alternative recommendations as they may think fit.

A committee to consider purchase tax valuation would be under the chairmanship of Mr. Frederick Grant, Q.C. Members would be: Sir Daniel Fennelly, Mrs.

Robert Hall, Mrs. Douglas Jay, Mr. W. H Lawson and Sir Rolande Wall.

The terms of reference would be:-To examine the representations of traders as to the principle of assessing purchase tax at a com mon value level; and to make recommendations a to the manner in which this or any alternative prin ciple should be applied in valuation for purchas tax, having regard to the different points in distri bution at which the tax has to be levied. Both committees would start work shortly

### LEGAL REPORTS

Wool Contract Dispute.—Hugh Mar shall & Co., Ltd., wholesale chemists and druggists, 20 King Street, Belfast, wer plaintiffs in an action in the Ulster Higl Court on July 24, against Healy Dowdal & Co., Ltd., Lad Lane, Baggot Street Dublin, for the completion of a contrac for one ton of surgical cotton wool. was stated that the wool had been lying with the Great Northern Railway, Belfast since October 1951. The defendants said the order was a verbal one which had beer cancelled but the plaintiffs denied having received the cancellation. The claim was settled on the terms that the defendants pay plaintiffs £170 to include costs, the wool to go back to the plaintiffs.

Drugs by False Pretences. — At Birkenhead magistrates' court, on July 14 William George Hargest, no fixed address was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for obtaining drugs, value ninepence, belonging to Birkenhead General Hospital Management Committee, by false pretences. He pleaded guilty. An inspector said that Hargest went to the hospital on July 4, gave the name of Raymond McLelland North Shields, and told the casualty sister that he had been struck in the chest by a lorry. He complained of abdominal pains and was put to bed and given morphine, Luminal and atropine. He was attended at various times by doctors and nurses, and in consequence of his condition, preparations were made for an internal operation. Suspicions were aroused when he refused to undergo the operation and when questioned by a detective he gave another name and said: "I am on the drugs and I wanted them badly." Later, at the police station, he again coughed up blood and feigned collapse, and was again taken to hospital, where examination showed he had bitten his tongue to draw blood.

# **BRITISH RESEARCH 1950-51**

### Medical

NCLUDED in the report for 1950-51 of the Medical Research Council (H.M. Staionery Office, price 6s.) is a progress report on research on cortisone and ACTH. Work done in Britain following an inviation by Drs. C. J. Van Slyke (director, National Heart Institute, Bethesda, Maryand, U.S.A.) and T. Duckett Jones (chairman, American Council on Rheumatic Tever) to join in an investigation of the value of cortisone and ACTH in treating heumatic fever, and particularly in preventing organic damage to the heart, is being carried out at six centres, using naterial specially provided from America. The final results are not expected for some years, but much work has been done on he use of cortisone in eye diseases, and experiments are being carried out on its effect on inflammation and repair and on nealing and formation of scar tissue. Durng the year the first home-produced samoles of ACTH were delivered under conract to the Ministry of Health and arrangements were made to encourage collection of animal pituitary glands. The promise shown by sisal as a source of the cortisone precursor hecogenin has already been dealt with in these columns ( $C. \mathcal{E} D.$ , July 19, p. 84).

Investigations into the use of chloramphenicol, terramycin and aureomycin in the treatment of various obscure skin diseases, wound, urinary tract and eye infections, bronchiectasis, peritonitis, meningitis and septicæmia had yielded some promising results but more extensive clinical experience and bacteriological study were felt to be required before final conclusions could be reached. An antibitic that was toxic by mouth (polymyxin E) had been shown to be remarkably effective in eliminating Pseudomonas pyocyanea from infected burns. Among antimalarials the most recently discovered, pyrimethamine, showed signs of being useful, parti-

cularly for suppression.

# Chemical and Instrument

THE Federation of British Industries Industrial Research Committee has made a statistical survey of research and development investigations in British industry including chemicals and scientific instruments for the year 1950-51, based on returns from concerns spending at least £2,000 a year on that work.

The figures show that in a group of sixty-four chemical manufacturers a total of £8,903,000 was spent on research and development (2.4 per cent. of the total turnover of the concerns). The programme was carried out by 3,168 qualified staff, of whom 66.2 per cent. were chemists, and 12.1 per cent. engineers. Sixteen scientific instrument manufacturers devoted to same purposes 5.1 per cent. of their turnover, employing 234 qualified staff of whom 3.8 per cent. were chemists.

Sixty chemical manufacturers apportioned 10 per cent, of research and development expenditure to projects resulting from technical sales service, 88.5 per cent, to other projects within the companies and 1 per cent, to extra-mural re-

search and development.

Expenditure on research organisations was not included in the report. Sixty chemical manufacturers had increased the floor space devoted to research and development during the past five years by sixty-two per cent., while the figure for fifteen instrument manufacturers was 161 per cent.

Sixty-two chemical manufacturers had increased their chemist research workers by about a third in that period and their engineers, metallurgists and a number of other research workers by about 100 per

cent.

# FIFTY YEARS AGO Chelsea Physic-garden

From the C. & D., August 2, 1902 On Friday, July 25, Earl Cadogan opened the new laboratories which have been erected on the Chelsea Physic-gardens for the purpose of botanical research. will be remembered that some time ago a scheme was approved which vests the garden in the trustees of the London Parochial Charities, with a committee of management including representatives of the Treasury, the Technical Education Board of the L.C.C., the Royal Society, the Society of Apothecaries, the Pharmaceutical Society, and other bodies. It is pro-vided that the garden shall be used for the promotion of the study of botany, with special reference to the requirements of general education, scientific instruction and research (including vegetable physiology), and instruction in technical pharmacology, so far as the culture of medicinal plants is concerned.

# SCIENCE PAPERS AT THE CONFERENCE

TITLES and authors of the papers to be read at the Science Sessions of the eightyninth meeting of the British Pharmaceutical Conference, Nottingham, are:-

### Tuesday Morning, September 2

- THE DETECTION AND DETERMINA-TION OF ISONICOTINYLHYDRAZIDE, P. G. W. Scott.
- THE ESTIMATION OF ISONICOTINIC ACID HYDRAZIDE, E. A. Haugas and B. W. Mitchell.
- 3. Some Observations on the Struc-TURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ANTIBIOTIC ACTIVITY IN THE CHLORAMPHENICOL SERIES. PART II. R. J. Collins, B. Ellis, S. B. Hansen, H. S. Mackenzie, R. J. Moualim, V. Petrow, O. Stephenson and B. Sturgeon.

4. CHANGES IN THE HYDROCYANIC ACID CONTENT OF CHLORODYNE ON STOR-

AGE, H. A. Glastonbury.

5. THE APPLICATION OF EMISSION SPECTROGRAPHY TO PHARMACEUTICAL ANALYSIS. L. Brealey, D. C. Garratt and K. A. Proctor.

6. ETHYL ESTERS OF HYDNOCARPUS OIL STABILISED WITH CREOSOTE. G. E. Foster, E. L. Kendrick, E. Walton and W. D. Williams.

7. THE DETERMINATION OF ASCARIDOLE IN OIL OF CHENOPODIUM AND IN SOLUTION OF OIL OF CHENOPODIUM IN CASTOR OIL. A. H. Beckett and M. Dombrow.

THE POLAROGRAPHIC DETERMINA-TION OF RIBOFLAVINE IN COMPRESSED TABLETS AND AMPOULE SOLUTIONS. Sylvia

Fowler and R. C. Kave.

## Tuesday Afternoon, September 2

9. The Determination of Thyroxine WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO TABLETS. D. C. M. Adamson, A. P. Domleo, J. P. Jefferies and W. H. C. Shaw.

10. THE PARTITION CHROMOTOGRAPHY OF ALKALOIDS. PART IV. THE ASSAY OF Solanaceous Drugs. W. C. Evans and

M. W. Partridge.

II. OBSERVATIONS ON THE PAPER PARTITION CHROMATOGRAM AS APPLIED TO THE DETECTION OF ALKALOIDS. Gore and I. M. Adshead.

12. DIGITALIS GLYCOSIDES, THE COL-ORIMETRIC ASSAY OF THE CHLOROFORM-Soluble Glycosides of Digitalis, C. J. Eastland, D. P. Lawday and E. H. B. Sellwood.

13. STUDIES IN THE GENUS DIGITALIS. PART I. THE COLORIMETRIC ESTIMATION OF DIGITOXIN AND OF PREPARATIONS OF Digitalis purpurea. J. M. Rowson.

14. Studies in the Genus Digitalis.

PART II. A COMPARISON OF THE COLORI-METRIC AND BIOLOGICAL METHODS FOR THE EVALUATION OF Digitalis purpurea. J. M.

Rowson and F. J. Dyer.

15. Some Further Studies on Tuber-CULOSTATIC COMPOUNDS. E. M. Bavin, D. J. Drain, M. Seiler and D. E. Seymour.

16. FURTHER ASPECTS OF THE PHAR-MACOLOGY OF PARAAMINOSALICYLIC ACID.

E. M. Bavin and Barbara James.

17. Analgesic and Antipyretic Pro-PERTIES OF SOME DERIVATIVES OF SALI-CYLAMIDE. E. M. Bavin, F. June Macrae, D. E. Seymour and Pamela D. Waterhouse.

### Wednesday Morning, September 3

18. NEOVITAMIN A AND VITAMIN A ALCOHOL IN COMMERCIAL FISH-LIVER OILS AND VITAMIN A CONCENTRATES. Edmund Hayes and Margaret A. Petitpierre.

19. Some Observations on the De-TERMINATION OF VITAMIN A IN COD-LIVER

OIL. R. V. Swann. 20. The Stability of Vitamin A Alcohol in Aqueous and Oily Media. C. L. J. Coles and D. F. W. Thomas.

21. THE ASSAY OF PENICILLIN USING Penicillinase. A. Royce, C. Bowler and

G. Sykes.

22. PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS ON THE STABILISATION OF PENICILLIN SOLUTIONS WITH HEXAMINE. R. J. Hobbs, J. L. Livingstone, J. Reece and W. A. Woodard.

23. BACTERIAL SURVIVAL IN SYSTEMS OF LOW MOISTURE CONTENT. IV. EFFECTS OF INCREASING MOISTURE CONTENT ON HEAT RESISTANCE, VIABILITY AND GROWTH OF SPORES OF B. subtilis. Kenneth Bullock and Alan Tallantire.

24. THE APPLICATION OF INFRA-RED HEATING TO PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS. PART I PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION. PART II. DRYING OF GRANULES, H. W. Fowler.

25. THE WATER RETENTION COEFFICI-ENT OF SURGICAL DRESSINGS, R. Maxwell Savage, D. Maxwell Bryce and J. H. Elliott.

An additional Science Session will be held if necessary in the afternoon.

# Friday Afternoon, September 5

26. THE USE OF SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS IN PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARA- TIONS. THE EVALUATION OF EMULSIFYING POWER. J. R. Cockton and J. B. Wynn.

27. THE ASSAY OF BACTERIAL PYROGENS. M. Dawson and J. P. Todd.

28. A SIMPLE APPARATUS FOR THE DETERMINATION OF BLOOD CLOTTING-TIMES AND ITS APPLICATION TO THE ASSAY OF HERBARIN D MAXWELL Bryce.

29. COMBINATION OF MERCURY DIURETICS WITH 2:3-DIMERCAPTOPROPANOL (BAL), THE EFFECT ON DIURETIC ACTIVITY AND TOXICITY. Eileen I. Short. With a Note on the Preparation of the Compounds of Mercurial Diuretics with BAL. Thomas M. Sharp.

Symposium Session
Friday Morning, September 5
The subject for discussion will be:—

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PHARMACY OF ANTIBIOTICS.

The discussion will be opened by Messrs, W. A. Woodard, W. Trillwood and J. O. Davidson

Galley proofs of the science papers listed above, including the papers to be read by the opening speakers at the Symposium Session, will be available a few days before the Conference. Members who are attending the Conference and who would like to receive copies of the papers are asked to communicate with the Secretaries, 17 Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C.1, enumerating those papers in which they are specially interested. The omission of any papers from those despatched will mean that they are not yet available. Applications must be received not later than August 15.

#### NATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL UNION

MEETINGS of the directors of the Chemists' Defence Association and of the Executive committee of the National Pharmaceutical Union were held in London, on July 23, Mr. D. W. Hudson in the chair. The Chairman referred to the death of Mrs. W. H. Clubb, Liverpool (widow of the chairman of the N.P.U. executive 1931-32). The secretary was asked to send a letter of condolence to Mr. G. L. Clubb (now secretary of the Liverpool Pharmaceutical Committee and N.P.U. Branch).

#### Western By-election

THE SECRETARY reported that two nominations had been received for the western division I by-election:—T. Glynne Anwyl, Rhyl, and Gwilym H. Hughes, Colwyn Bay. Voting papers had been issued on July 16 and were returnable up to 12 noon on July 30. Results would be declared on July 31. Reports of meetings of the accounts, publications and price list, business services and Central N.H.S. (Chemist Contractors') committees were received.

THE LOCAL ORGANISATION OFFICER submitted his report upon work undertaken since the previous meeting. Speakers were appointed to address branch meetings at Dartford, Hounslow, Leeds, South-west London, Wallasey and West Ham. A report on progress made with proposed area meetings to be held in Cambridge and Windermere on September 21 and October 19 respectively was also received. The Secretary reported that the employers'

side of the Retail Pharmacy Joint Industrial Council had met on July 3, followed by a meeting of the full council. Negotiations had been resumed on demands made by the trade union side for increases in minimum rates of remuneration for pharmacists, unqualified assistants, and shop assistants. A settlement had not been reached and the discussions were being resumed on July 30.

THE CHAIRMAN submitted a report upon discussions between representatives of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society and of the N.P.U. executive held on July 21. It was decided to leave that item on the agenda for future meetings. The Secre-TARY reported that dissatisfaction had been expressed by individual members and from a number of Pharmaceutical Committees at the new classification of medicament groups adopted in the National Formulary. THE CHAIRMAN stated that the possibility of publishing two editions of the N.F., one for prescribers and the other for dispensers was discussed and left in hand for further exploration. It was decided to hold a conference of N.P.U, branch representatives in February 1953.

#### First Month of Levy

The committee reviewed the first month's working of the levy scheme in the light of reports from Pharmaceutical Committees and individual contractors. The drop in numbers of forms and prescriptions, as compared with June 1951, had been most marked in the industrial areas.

The ratio of prescriptions to forms and quantities of medicines ordered had insome areas substantially In fewer prescriptions for children's medicines had been presented. The most significant decrease had been in numbers of prescriptions for elastic hosiery. Contractors had reported cases of inability to collect the levy. Receipts had been issued to approximately 5 per cent, of patients (in some areas 20 per cent.). Many old-age pensioners appeared to be under the impression that they were automatically entitled to recover the charges. The main abuse of the scheme was that some doctors were ordering medicines for two or more patients on one form. The potential danger involved in that type of prescribing, especially where infants and children were concerned, would be taken up with the doctors' representatives. There appeared to have been some difficulty, especially in the London area, about charges for drugs supplied to patients in institutions. Ministry of Health had subsequently ruled that for "bulk" prescriptions the name of the Institution should be entered on the receipt form (EC 57) in place of a patient's The preliminary sorting of container inquiry forms had been put in hand. It appeared that fewer containers were being returned since June 1.

#### Drug Tariff

The committee had decided not to examine any further proposals for revision of Drug Tariff basic quantities for tablets, etc., until after discussions had taken place with the Ministry and agreement had been reached on the proper basis on which "normal" buying quantities should be as-Further consideration had been given to proposals for revision of remuneration for elastic hosiery and trusses and arrangements made for representatives of the committee and of the Surgical Instrument Manufacturers' Association to meet those of the Ministry of Health. committee had agreed to advance notice being given in the July Drug Tariff to the addition to the schedule of appliances of rayon lint (as from September 1) and of the modern type of vaccination pad. THE SECRETARY reported on progress made in securing final details required by the consulting accountants for completing a case which was being submitted to the management side of the Pharmaceutical Whitley Council in support of the claim for increased remuneration.

Thirty-seven persons and firms who had joined the Union since the previous meeting of the Executive committee were formally elected as members.

#### **NEWCOMER'S NOTEBOOK**

#### 12.—Poisons Board

SET up under the Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933, the Poisons Board is an advisory committee whose original functions were to prepare and submit to the Home Secretary a list of substances to be treated as poisons for the purposes of the Act, and to assist the Home Secretary in making rules regarding the sale, supply, storage and transport of poisons.

The Poisons List is in two parts, the first of which consists of poisons that are not to be sold except from registered premises by an authorised seller of poisons (generally speaking, a chemist) and the second, of poisons that may only be sold from registered premises by an authorised seller or a listed seller of poisons (i.e., a person whose name is included in a list kept by a local

authority).

The poisons in part II are, generally speaking, those that are commonly used other than for the internal treatment of human ailments, and it is so that the public may have adequate facilities for obtaining them that they are included in that part of the list. Those poisons are also subject to the requirements of the Act and Rules. The current Poisons List is contained in Poisons List Order 1950 as amended by the Poisons List Order 1951.

The Poisons Rules relate mainly to the manufacture of pharmaceutical preparations containing poisons and to the sale (wholesale or retail), the supply, storage, transport and labelling of poisons and to the containers in which they may be packed. The Rules now in force are the Poisons Rules 1949 as amended by the Poisons Rules 1950 and 1951.

The Home Secretary, assisted by the Board, is the central authority in matters relating to poisons, and through that authority all amendments to the Poisons List and Poisons Rules are made.

Constitution:—The Board has sixteen members, though the Home Secretary may appoint not

more than three additional members.

PRESENT MEMBERS (with appointing authority shown in parentheses):—Messrs. Bertram Reece (chairman), F. R. Thornton, R. A. E. Galley (Home Secretary); Dr. J. M. Johnston (Secretary of State for Scotland); Dr. W. P. Kennedy and Mrs. J. A. Hauff (Minister of Health); Mr. G. T. Gimingham (Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries); Dr. J. R. Nicholls (ex-officio as Government chemist); Messrs. B. A. Bull, W. S. Howells, H. N. Linstead, C. W. Maplethorpe, and H. Noble (Pharmaceutical Society); Dr. C. A. Keele (Royal College of Physicians of London); Dr. D. M. Lyon (Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh); Professor D. Campbell (General Medical Council); Mr. G. Roche Lynch (Council of the Royal Institute of Chemistry); Mr. F. Gray (British Medical Association), Secretary: Mr. R. P. McBride (Home Office).

## STATEMENTS ON ETHICS AND ASSISTANTS

THE Council of the Pharmaceutical Society has issued its draft revised statement on matters of professional conduct mentioned by the president at the annual neeting 1952 (C. & D., May 31, p. 739) and a report on assistants in pharmacy, both of which are to be discussed at the Branch Representatives' meeting at Nottingham on September 3.

The former is intended for preliminary discussion only and will be available for discussion by the Branches during the 1952-53 session. The views expressed are o be considered by the Council and a inal draft will be submitted for adoption it the Society's 1953 annual meeting. The ollowing is a summary of the state-

ment:-

#### Public Interests Stressed

1. Standards of professional conduct for pharnacy are necessary in the public interest.

2. The public are entitled to expect not only villingness and ability to supply commonly reuired items from stock but also to supply as oon as possible any unusual article or to refer uch demand to an appropriate source of supply. Rota arrangements should be observed.

3. Accommodation should be sufficient in size

nd services, the stock, equipment and staff adeuate, and the premises maintained in a satis-

actory condition.

4. The premises should be dignified in appearnce and reflect the professional character of harmacy. Articles other than medicines and nedical and surgical appliances and related rticles should not be displayed or visibly stored detract from this effect.

5. Failure on the part of the owners of a harmacy to provide necessary facilities or any betruction of the pharmacist in charge in the xecution of his duty should be taken into account nd will be regarded as a failure on the part of ne owner to observe the standards in question. 6. A pharmacist should not act as a "cover"

or an unqualified person,

7. A pharmacist should not be associated with ne conduct of a drug store.

8. There should at all times be a readiness to ssist colleagues with information or advice.

9. A pharmacist should do nothing to cast pubt upon the ability or integrity of his fellow

harmacists.

10. The dispensing of medicines should not be lvertised. This includes not only direct referrms such as "pharmaceutical services" and the ords "dispensing chemist." The use of the term dispensing chemist " simply as a personal deription on the facia or other appropriate posion on a pharmacy, on labels or business ationery, in telephone and other directories, or similar ways not normally regarded as advertising, is not affected. A notice stating that dispensing under the National Health Service is carried on there may be exhibited at any premises.

11. Any necessary announcements as to dispensing services available in a district should be issued by the local Branch of the Society or other

12. The offer of a reduced price, dividend, prize, gift or special service in relation to dispensing services is regarded as advertising.

13. Pharmacists should co-operate with medical practitioners in all matters of joint concern.

14. Prescriptions should not be discussed with patients or others in such a manner as to impair confidence in the prescriber.

15. Whenever possible the authority of the prescriber should be obtained for any substitution of

ingredients in a prescription.

16. A pharmacist should not place himself in a position of business obligation to a doctor or so

act as to suggest that he has done so.

17. A pharmacist should not associate with a medical practitioner in the formulation, preparation and marketing of proprietary products prescribed by the medical practitioner.

18. A pharmacist should not recommend a particular medical practitioner unless specifically

asked to do so.

- 19. There should be no exhibition of or reference, by way of advertisement, to contraceptives in a pharmacy other than an authorised notice that articles approved by the Family Planning Association or other body approved by the Council are sold.
- 20. Names of substances in the British Pharmacopæia or British Pharmaceutical Codex should not be applied to substances of a different com-

21. No pharmacist should allow others to use in connection with the distribution to the public of any medicine, his name, qualification, address

or photograph.

22. No display material either on the premises, in the Press or elsewhere should be used in connection with the sale to the public of medicines or medical appliances which is undignified in style.

23. No article or preparation advertised to the public in respect of which display material of a kind mentioned in paragraph 22 is used should be exhibited in a pharmacy.

#### " Prescription " Preparations

Articles or preparations which in the opinion of the Council should be supplied only on prescription should not be supplied otherwise.

25. The Society's coat of arms should not be

used for business purposes.

26. Orders for drugs and medicines should not

be solicited from door to door,

27. A drug or medicine likely to cause addiction or other form of abuse should not be supplied when there is reason to suppose that it is required for such purposes.

28. Articles for medicinal use designated by the

Council as undesirable should not be sold.

29. Specimens for pregnancy diagnosis should only be accepted through a medical practitioner.

#### Assistants in Pharmacy

The following is a summary of the report on pharmacy assistants:—

1. Recent developments such as the National Health Service, the increased requirements for qualification as a pharmacist, and the investigation of manpower needs have caused the subject of the unqualified assistant in pharmacy to be considered by the Council as one which has reached a stage when decisions should be taken. It may well have been that assistants other than those intending to proceed to qualification were employed in the early days of the Society, but it seems evident that official policy in the Society aimed at regulating the employment of assistants on the basis of their ultimately qualifying as pharmacists.

2. After the Pharmacy Act, 1868, which adopted the assistants' examination as the standard for qualification as a chemist and druggist, further attempts to regulate assistantship appear to have been abandoned. The time spent as an assistant by the pharmacy student is today usually so short that it plays no significant part in meeting the

need for assistants.

#### Assistants Classified

3. At present assistants fall into the following classes: (1) persons who have been apprenticed with a view to qualification but have given up the intention; (2) persons who have been engaged without the intention of qualifying and with no definite objective; (3) persons holding the certificate of assistant in dispensing of the Society of Apothecaries; (4) Service-trained personnel; (5) persons accepted as apprentices or trainees with a view to making a career as assistants in the firm engaging them. The scope of work to be done by assistants and the relation between the numbers of assistants and of pharmacists in any establishment are left to the discretion of the employer. The absence of guidance on these matters is in the Council's opinion unsatisfactory, particularly where, as in hospitals, there is a lay employer, and the Council consider that the regulation of the conditions under which assistants are employed is desirable and necessary.

4. The employment of assistants to pharmacists is acknowledged by both law and custom and the Council do not regard it as necessary to argue the general case for their employment. They consider, however, they should make clear what class of assistant they have in mind and why they think such a class is necessary. The trend of pharmaceutical education and practice has been away from such an intermediate class and its revival is neither practicable nor desirable as a solution of the problem of assistantship, though this is not to say that more practical experience before qualification might not be an advantage.

5. The kind of assistantship which the Council have in mind fits in with existing practice where it is, or becomes at an early stage, an end in tiself and remains a permanent form of employment. Modern developments have made assistants both less and more important, since they have at the same time (1) widened the gap between the pharmacist and his assistant and emphasised the need for control and supervision, and (2)

provided more of the type of work for which th latter is suited. The employment of assistants ca only be satisfactory if based upon two principles one that they are adequately trained in and hav shown by examination their capacity to undertak the work, the other that their work is controlle and limited to its proper sphere by the exercis of adequate supervision by pharmacists.

6. The needs of the situation can best be me by a class of trained and examined assistants for general purposes who will be able to work, eitht at the counter or in the dispensing departmen Such assistants may be appropriately calle

" pharmacy assistants."

7. The creation of a class of trained assistan would, by giving assistantship a status and career value, attract suitable persons who would otherwise not consider the work worthwhile.

8. The work of assistants is essentially practic and their training and examination should be base on that fact. The Society should assume the responsibility for the establishment of condition which will ensure that the training and examination are so adapted, and should assume the responsibility for the maintenance of adequate contrand supervision of assistants, including the number employed in relation to qualified persons.

9. There are other quarters in which an it terest in the future of assistants is being take and it seems clear that in connection with thospital service decisions on the matter will no long be delayed. If the Society does not act there may be developments over which the Societas no control and which may be unwelcome.

no. The regulation of the conditions und which assistants are employed as outlined in th report will improve the status of pharmacy, ar enable the Society to exercise its influence in a fie where it is the body primarily concerned, ar the Council propose to proceed accordingly.

#### N.H.S. STATISTICS

A MIDDLESEX Pharmaceutical Commi tee's report published recently shows the payments on account were made durir the year ended March 31, for 11,684,21 prescriptions. Doctors' lists contain estimated 2,410,537 names and there a 731 premises on the pharmaceutical li undertaking dispensing. Rota duty pa ments during the year amounted £13,472. In the year ended April 1, 38 test prescriptions were taken. Forty-tw cases were considered by the Pharmaceut cal Service Committee. Six cases were di missed, warnings were issued in five, mon tary penalties imposed in three, and the contractor's attention was drawn to the discrepancy in eight cases. Six of th cases arose out of miscellaneous complaint The Committee has "noted with alarm a larger number of premises remaining open after the normal closing hour, ar urges contractors to close at 6 p.m. exce when on rota duty.

#### TRADE NOTES

Holiday Closing.—The works of Thornon & Ross, Ltd., Linthwaite, Hudderseld, will be closed from Friday evening, ugust 8 to Monday morning, August 18.

Same Colour, New Design.—Genatoin, Ltd., Loughborough, Leics, are introucing newly designed packs of Sanatogen the product's three sizes. The packs



tain the established yellow colour, but ne lettering and design have been reyled. Tests in the north-east of England ave shown that the packs have a 60 per ent, better display value.

Sales Hint.—Thornton & Ross, Ltd., nthwaite Laboratories, Huddersfield, ggest on another page a means of deonstrating the effect of their Zoflora permed disinfectant.

Adrenaline Cream. — Details of a nge of packs of adrenaline cream are ven by the makers, Howard Lloyd & 5., Ltd., 11 Waterloo Place, London, W.1, on other pages.

New Sales Plans.—Details of new sales ans adopted by Potter & Clarke, Ltd., iver Road, Barking, Essex, are given on other page. Every chemist in Britain ould receive details of the plans shortly post.

At Helsinki.—Parke, Davis & Co., Ltd., ounslow, Middlesex, have been asked by e medical office of the Olympic Games send medical supplies (Chloromycetin) the headquarters of that office. They e the first non-Finnish organisation to ceive such a request.

Gift Tabs and Seals.—The 1952 "giftne" catalogue of P. P. Payne & Sons, Ltd., aydn Road, Nottingham, offers many w designs for tags and seals, including folded and novelty tags. Among "special occasion" items are designs for Father's and Mother's days and a paper for Easter.

U.K. Sales Agents.—Chemicals Trading Co., Ltd., 102 Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2, have been appointed sole sales agents for the United Kingdom of the compounds, made from triglycerides of natural fatty acids and suitable for the manufacture of suppositories, made by Imhausen & Co., G.m.b.H., Witten, Western Germany.

Isoniazid Supplies.—WARD, BLENKINSOP & Co., LTD., Henrietta Place, London, W.I., are supplying isonicotinic acid hydrazide under its recommended nonproprietary name isoniazid.—Pharmaceutical Specialities (May & Baker), LTD., Dagenham, Essex, are also issuing the preparation similarly in tablets each containing 50 mgm. in containers of 500.

New in Toilet Lines.—Max Factor Hollywood & London (Sales), Ltd., 16 Old Bond Street, London, W.I, are issuing a velour face-powder puff in three shades: peach, pink and blue.—Yardley & Co., Ltd., 33 Old Bond Street, London, W.I, have introduced their Yardley lavender perfume in solid non-spillable form under the name Yardley crystallised lavender.—D. & W. Gibbs, Ltd., 7 Bridewell Place, London, E.C.4, introduced on



July 28 new pyramid packs of their Californian poppy perfume. — Westbrook Lanolin Co., Bradford, Yorks, have issued a new pack of their foundation cream in a pink and cream tube.—Noma Cosmetics, Ltd., Harlequin Avenue, Brentford, Middlesex, are to launch their "White Rain" shampoo in mid-September.

Books for Students.—On other pages BAILLIERE, TINDALL & Cox, LTD., 7 Henrietta Street, London, W.C.2, give details of a number of books for pharmaceutical students which they publish.—W. & G. FOYLE, LTD., 119 Charing Cross Road, London, W.C.2, give details of service in

supplying new and second-hand books.—Oxford University Press, Amen House, London, E.C.4, give details of a textbook on penicillin by M. E. Florey, M.D., which they publish.

Educational Colour Films.—Cellucotton Products, Ltd., 33 Aylmer Parade, London, N.2, demonstrated to the Press recently two ten-minute, Technicolor, 16-mm. cartoon films made by Walt Disney entitled "How to Catch a Cold," and "The Story of Menstruation." The former shows what precautions should be taken by potential and actual sufferers from the common cold. The latter briefly explains the menstrual cycle and disposes of popular erroneous beliefs on the subject. Both films are expected to be available for distribution in September or October.

"Treatment Trio" for the Nails.—Revlon International Corporation, 61 Grosvenor Street, London, W.1, have introduced under the name Treatment Trio a basic beauty treatment for the nails. It contains a jar of nail cream, a bottle of Prolon base coat and a bottle of nail enamel in a pale shade. The base coat is included to smooth out surface irregularities, help prevent stain, and act as an adhesive between nail and enamel. Messrs. Revlon have also introduced Aquamarine soap, a soap "as near neutral and free from alkalis as possible."

New Medical Preparations.—CIBA LAB-ORATORIES, LTD., Horsham, Sussex, introduce on August 1 Femandren linguets containing methyltestosterone, 2.5 mgm., and ethinylæstradiol, 0.005 mgm., formulated in tablets for sublingual absorption. They are indicated in menopausal disturbances, dysmenorrhæa, pre-menstrual tension and senile and post-menopausal osteoporosis. Tryptar brand of trypsin has been use successfully in U.S.A. in sixteen cases debridement in thoracic empyema. T manufacturers, The Armour Labor Tories (Armour & Co., Ltd.), Linds Street, London, E.C.I, state that at present the product is being supplied hospitals only in Britain.—Bayer Products, Ltd., Africa House, Kingswa London, W.C.2, announce elsewhere t introduction of Diesed, a tablet containing methyl amphetamine and Luminal. Allen & Hanburys, Ltd., Bethnal Green London, E.2, have introduced a 10-0 multi-dose container of Scoline containing to memory of succinylcholine chloride per of the succinylcholine chloride per of t

Courses for Pharmacy Students.—Ed cational institutes which give in this iss details of courses for the Intermediate Qualifying examinations of the Pharm ceutical Society include: Bradford Tec nical College (both examinations); Brig ton Technical College (both examinations Bristol College of Technology (both c aminations); Cardiff College of Techn logy and Commerce (both examinations Dundee Technical College (both examin tions); Harris Institute, Preston (Interndiate); Heriot-Watt College, Edinbur (both examinations); Huddersfield Tec nical College (Intermediate); Monmout shire Technical College (Intermediate Northern Polytechnic, London, N.7 (I termediate); Portsmouth Municipal Co lege (both examinations); Plymouth as Devonport Technical College (both e aminations); Rotherham College of Tec nology (Intermediate); Wolverhampte and Staffordshire Technical College (I termediate). The University of Lond provides only degree courses.

## C. & D. RETAIL AND DISPENSING PRICE LIST

The following price changes have been notified (for certain wholesalers' prices to retailers, see C. & D. Supplement, July 5, p. xxxiv):—

SURGICAL DRESSINGS

Bandages	1 in.   1½ in.   2 in.   2½ in.   3 in.   3½ in   4 in.   6 s. d.
White open wove B.P.C. (unwrapped) 6 yd. Domette, B.P.C 6 yd. Flannel, B.P.C 4 yd. Flannel, B.P.C. (unwrapped) 6 yd.	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Flannel, B.P.C. (unwrapped) 6 yd.	1 oz. 2 oz. 3 oz. 4 oz. 6 oz. 8 oz. 1 1 yd. 2 yd. 3 yd. 4 yd. 6 yd. s. d. s.
LINTS: Absorbent, B.P.C Boric, B.P.C	Size No. 1 $\begin{vmatrix} No. 2 \\ 8d. \end{vmatrix}$ $\begin{vmatrix} No. 4 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$ $- \begin{vmatrix} No. 8 \\ 3 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$ $- \begin{vmatrix} No. 16 \\ 6 & 10 \end{vmatrix}$ $- \begin{vmatrix} No. 16 \\ 6 & 10 \end{vmatrix}$
GAUZE: Absorbent, B.P.C., 36 in. wide	½ yd. 7d.   0 11   -   2 3   -   4 3   -

### PACKAGES, PRODUCTS AND SALES AIDS



lail-varnish, applicator and lipstick in a "Paintne-town-pink" outfit by Revlon International orporation, 61 Grosvenor Street, London, W.1.



rofil chlorophyl! lozenges by Thomas Kerfoot & D., Ltd., Vale of Bardsley, Lancs (see C. & D., ne 21, p. 837).



splay outers for Dylon fabric and carpet dyes and gon colour remover (Mayborn Products, Ltd., Westow Street, London, S.E.19.



"Window" display card adopted for the Nu-angle tooth-brush ("the tooth-brush with the right tilt to its head") by the manufacturers, Addis, Ltd., The Brushworks, Hertford.



Window display for Lucozade glucose drink using material available from Lucozade, Ltd., Brentford, Middlesex.





"Family" of cut-out showpieces for Tek tooth-brushes by Johnson & Johnson (Great Britain), Ltd., Slough, Bucks.

Left: Kerofil tooth-paste (Thomas Kerfoot & Co., Ltd., Vale of Bardsley, Ashton-under-Lyne).

## TOOLS, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Anodising Small Metal Parts.—Scrib Ltd., have built and equipped a factory at Lockfield Avenue, Brimsdown, Middlesex, for the anodising of small aluminium articles, such as lipsticks, to give them a "gold," "silver," or coloured finish.

Low-priced Water Heater.—A gas water-heater of unconventional design is being manufactured and marketed by E. Bodley, 53 Museum Street, London, W.C. I, at a modest price. The heater is long and slim and protrudes only 4 in, from the wall. It weighs 2 lb. and is made of pure aluminium, finished ordinarily in white enamel.

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"Every plant has its parasites, and we harvest only what they are pleased to leave us,"—EUGENE ROUX.

## **PHYTOPHARMACY**

By René Fabre

(Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy of Paris. Member of the Académie Nationale de Medecine)

PHYTOPHARMACY is the science which is concerned with the study of products intended for the protection and improvement of plants, and all comparable products with the exception of fertilisers. Its principal aims, therefore, are the following:

t. To determine the efficacy and mode of action of the product examined and to study its relationship with diseases caused by insects, crypto-

gams, deficiencies, etc.

2. To know the exact action of such product on the plant and on its biological equilibrium.

3. To define, in conjunction with human and veterinary medicine, the ratio of toxicity of the product, for various living creatures.

4. To formulate the conditions and methods for its use, specifying its strength for various purposes and its value when used as a spray, powder or liquid, from the air, etc.

In a word, it is the business of the science of phytopharmacy to determine the efficacy and method of using these products, their influence on the plants to be protected against the harmful action of pests, and finally to ascertain their possible poisonous action on the plants.

The ravages of various pests are the cause of the destruction of at least 10 per cent, of our crops. This loss represents an important amount in dollars or in produce of infinite value to humans, especially at present when there is such a regrettable inequality in the distribution of foodstuffs among the populations of the globe. The Colorado beetle is threatening the potato with total extinction; the Phylloxera, now conquered, has given way to the Pyralis, Cochylis and polychrosis, deadly enemies of the vine; the olive fly and the fly infesting citrus fruits do considerable damage in the Mediterranian regions; and we must not forget the larvæ of numerous insects which deprive us of an important part of our crops of edible fruits. The seriousness of the problem is, therefore, to be seen in the facts and, faced with such a sombre picture, one would think that man would have mobilised all his strength and intelligence against such relentless enemies and that the whole world would have been organised to wage a ruthless war. In fact, however, we must admit that defensive reaction against these pests has been relatively recent, and frequently of a desultory character. Praiseworthy and fruitful efforts have been made in a number of agricultural countries since the end of the nineteenth century, but the information contained in the records of these enemies of our crops has taken on an international character only during recent years.

#### Parasiticides According to Life Habits

In the forefront of our preoccupations must be placed the destruction of the parasite by methods based on its life habits so that we may control either the parasite itself or its descendants by striking at the moment when its life cycle renders it specially vulnerable. For the higher animals recourse must be had to poisons such as Nux vomica, its alkaloids, tobacco, nicotine, phosphorus, arsenic, etc. As regards invertebrate parasites, of which insects form the most numerous group, the attack is made on the imago as well as on the larva. Substances have been found which possess intense activity, the majority (pyrethrines, rotenone, DDT, HCH, etc.) not in any way inconveniencing warm-blooded animals. One may even ask oneself whether pharmacodynamic experiments may not eventually lead to the discovery of a certain number of chemical compounds having a specific action on certain animals and, at the same time, possessing no harmful action on others of an allied family.

Moreover, though the absolute harmlessness of the parasiticide is of first importance to man and the higher animals, we must not forget that it depends partly on whether it has completely disappeared from the fruit or vegetables at the times of collection and consumption. If wetting and fixing agents are necessary, they must not have a vigorous, prolonged action. There should be strict rules to prevent their being used too near to the period of harvesting. Greatest care must be taken not to cause any deterioration in the plant tissues. Only parasiticides that are odourless and tasteless should be used. The research worker who devotes himself to this science must therefore combine a deep knowledge of botany, zoology, biology and toxicology. Here we have an extension of

toxicology which is particularly dear to me, because it steps out of its narrow field and enters the most varied branches of biology, a science which it is imperative to know thoroughly if definite results are desired. At present the subject is taught in France at the Versailles laboratory forming part of the National Centre for Agronomic Research, and by the entomological and pathological stations of the Ministry of Agriculture. Numerous centres for research in phytopharmacy exist also in Agronomic schools and institutes and in the faculties of pharmacy.

#### Pharmacists' Prerogative

The pharmacist who alone [in France] is qualified to manufacture, keep and dispense remedies for human use, and who exercises control over veterinary pharmacy, has the same prerogative as regards the manufacture of remedies destined for the fight against the parasitic enemies of agriculture. Moreover, although he may leave the task of tracking down the enemy to the agricultural expert he must himself un-dertake the choice of the remedy to be adopted, the poison and its method of Storage and distribution administration. of poisons are subject, as we know, to legal obligations. It is the pharmacist who is charged with the inspection of stores of agricultural poisons. Being a naturalist, chemist and toxicologist, he lacks none of the knowledge necessary for the fight against the enemies of cultivated plants. Our schools and faculties, encouraged by the Professional Association of Phytopharmacy, have instituted a certificate of in phytopharmacy confined to studies qualified pharmacists and students in their final term who possess serious basic knowledge in the various scientific fields touching this science. It is ratified by an examination bearing on the various parts of the following programme:-

I. LECTURES given by professors of the faculty, deal with the following subjects:

Botany.—Parasitism, principal aspects, voluntary and obligatory, total and partial parasitism. Specificity in parasitism, parasitic phanerogams, anatomic relationship between parasite and host. Sucking insects, Characteristics of parasitic plants. Parasitic fungi and bacteria, Parasitic infection, physiological phenomena of parasitism, morphological and histological malformations caused by parasites (tumours, cankers, "cauldrons," galls, etc.).

Cryptogamy.—Parasites of the vine: downy mildew, white root rot, powdery mildew, ripe rot, anthracnose, sooty leaf, Parasites of cereals; foot rot, bunt, smuts, rusts, ergots. Parasites of the

potato: powdery scab, blight. Parasites of fruit trees: peach-tree leaf curl, bladder plums, crown rot, scab cankers, heart rot. Parasites of forest trees: oak white mildew, partridge wood, red rot, white rot, chestnut-tree blepharospora, rusts of conifers, merulus and damage by *Polyporus*.

Zoology.—The importance of damage caused by insects to cultivated plants and to provisions. Orthoptera: locusts, cockroaches, mole-crickets. Coleoptera: chafers, weevils, seed beetles, blossom weevils, Colorado beetles, click beetles, meal worms. Lepidoptera: Cochylis, Polychrosis and Pyralis of the vine, harvest moths, cabbage butterflies, codling moth, ermine moth, winter moth. Hemiptera: Phylloxera, woolly aphis, mealy bugs, Diptera: destructive gall midges. Nematodes: those parasitic on plants.

Materia Medica.—Study of plants possessing parasiticide properties and the products they supply: tobacco, insecticide pyrethra, rotenone-containing

plants, squills.

Galenical Pharmacy.—Preparation of pharmaceutical forms suitable for application in use as parasiticides: powders, suspensions, emulsions, emulsifying, wetting and adhesive agents, aerosols.

Methods of utilisation.

Chemical Pharmacy.—Parasiticide products manufactured by the chemical industry. Mineral products: Sodium and barium fluosilicates, sodium chlorate, sulphur polysulphides, sulphur anhydride, sulphuric acid, zinc phosphide, calcium, lead, aluminium arsenates. Carbon sulphide and tetrachloride, hydrocyanic acid, calcium cyanamide. Copper sulphate and oxychloride. Caustic soda, potassium permanganate. Kaolin bentonite and other adhesive clays (talc, casein), Organic products: Oils derived from petroleum, ethylene oxide, formol trioxymethylene, sulphonated anthracene oils (carbonileums). Nitrogen derivatives of the phenols and nitrogenated dyes. Hydroxyquinoline, thiodipheny-(dibenzo-1-4-thiazine). Parasiticide dyestuffs, pyrethrines, rotenones, nicotine, sulphonated terpene alcohols and other wetting agents.

Toxicology and Legislation.—Etiology of poisoning due to the use of fungicidal and parasiticidal products. Study of their toxicity. Methods of detection. Antidotes. Relevant legislation.

2. PRACTICAL WORK:

Cryptogamy. — Examination of infested plants. Diagnosis of parasites.

Zoology.—Examination of infested plants. Diagnosis of parasities.

Toxicology. — Research and determination of strength of phytopharmaceutical products in fruits, vegetables, the atmosphere, urine and the blood.

Methods of application of products. Manipulation. Demonstration of use of material utilised.

Such is the programme of the Certificate of Studies in Phytopharmacy issued by the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Paris. By interesting himself in this important problem and by devoting his knowledge and efforts to it the pharmacist will demonstrate once again that he is a true servant in the cause of the health of mankind and that, it seems to me, would be the finest certificate one could hand to the practising pharmacist anywhere.

## A COLLEGE WITH AN INTERNATIONAL AIR

TO the Heriot-Watt College, Edinburgh, come students from the four corners of Britain and the world. The pharmacy department, which, since October 1951, has had its headquarters in a new building, has attracted students from the Channel Islands, Shetlands, Switzerland, China and many other countries to Edinburgh for their pharmaceutical education since the Heriot-Watt College embarked upon the full-time training of pharmaceutical students in 1919.

#### Surge of Students

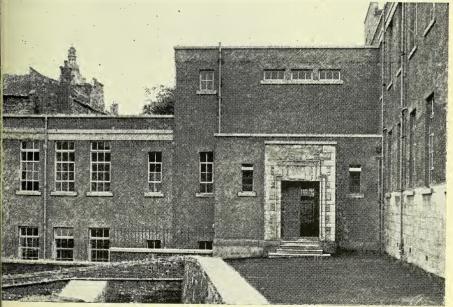
After the 1914-18 war the pharmacy department of the college, which for many years previously had provided evening classes in pharmacy, started full-time day courses to help in coping with the surge of students that the end of hostilities brought about, and to meet an invitation put to it by the Pharmaceutical Society. In the first two sessions there were 105 and 110 students respectively. Since then more than 2,000 students have passed through the department.

At the start of the 1951-52 session,

laboratories and lecture-rooms were brought into use in a new building in the Grassmarket. Pharmacognosy and physiology continue to be taught in the main college building in Chambers Street—as do all the subjects of the Intermediate examination of the Pharmaceutical Society.

The new three-story building, which was officially opened by the Earl of Home (Minister of State for Scotland) in April (C. & D., April 26, p. 572) houses two lecture rooms on the ground floor; galenical and pharmaceutics laboratories, plus a room for aseptic work on the first floor; and on the third floor a pharmaceutical chemistry laboratory, a separate weighing room containing £600 worth of new analytical balances, and a research laboratory. A common room for students, staff rooms and storage space are also provided.

Pharmaceutical education in Edinburgh dates back to 1776, when the Royal Public Dispensary was founded by Dr. Andrew Duncan. The school added to its fame under Mr. William Duncan, Ph.C. (no relation to his distinguished predecessor and namesake) who became its principal



Exterior of the new pharmacy building of the Heriot-Watt College, Edinburgh.



The new pharmaceutics laboratory.

in 1886. In 1924, on his retirement, Duncan selected as his successor Mr. Eric Knott, Ph.C., who upheld the traditions of the School until, in 1935, under an agreement between the managers of the Royal Public Dispensary and the governors of the Heriot-Watt College, the teaching of pharmacy at the Dispensary was transferred to the Heriot-Watt College. Knott remains a member of the staff of the pharmacy department of the Heriot-Watt College, He is also secretary of the Edinburgh and South-eastern Scottish Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society and a member of the Society's Scottish board of examiners. Promoted for gallantry in the field in the 1914-18 war, he saw service also in the second war of 1939-45.

#### Head of Department

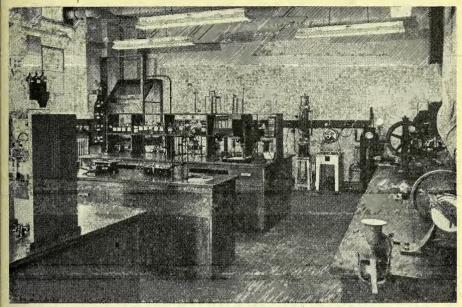
The head of the pharmacy department, Mr. Hugh H. Campbell, A.H.-W.C., B.Sc., Ph.C., F.R.I.C., with an experience in the training of pharmacists dating back to 1920, has a lucid lecturing style that is much appreciated by students. He is a member of the Society's Scottish board of exami-

ners and of the Council of the Royal Institute of Chemistry.

Also on the staff of the department are Messrs. W. J. Blake, Ph.C., A. W. Patterson, Ph.C., D.B.A., W. Pringle, Ph.C., and Miss Joan C. Barnes, B.Sc., Ph.C.

College facilities include a library where £1,000 a year is expended on new books and subscriptions to journals; common rooms for men and women; gymnasium and dining hall. There are a Students' Representative Council and a College Pharmacy Association open to past and present students and to apprentice resident in Edinburgh. The Association was instituted in 1936. Its activities include meetings, sport and works visits.

Edinburgh is, of course, a centre of manufacturing pharmacy. Practically all the morphine, heroin and codeine used in Britain and in many overseas countries is made there, as well as strychnine, aloin and santonin; chloroform and ether have been Edinburgh manufactures from the earliest. The reasons for Edinburgh's development as a centre for the manufacture of drugs of vegetable extraction are often



The new galenical laboratory.

debated. Legend has it that, in the old days, the low duty on spirit in Scotland, as compared with England, was at least partly responsible.

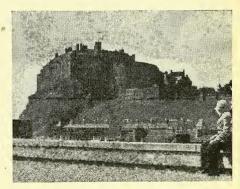
#### Prizes Awarded

Prizes awarded to pharmacy students at the College include the Duncan Memorial prize (in memory of Mr. William Duncan) for the best student in the Pharmaceutical Chemist Qualifying examination course; the Malpas Memorial prize for the best student in the physics class for pharmacy; and the J. Rutherford Hill Conference prize for the best student in pharmaceutics.

With the commencement of the session in October, an Associateship of the Heriot-Watt College (A.H.-W.C.) in Applied Pharmacy becomes attainable by students undertaking further study extending over one academic year. For the time being, entrance to the course is restricted to students who have studied for two years at the Heriot-Watt College after passing the Intermediate examination of the Pharmaceutical Society or an examination exempting the entrant therefrom. Intending Associates will be able to choose two of the following subjects:—(a), pharmaceutical analysis; (b), industrial microbiology; and (c), pharmaceutical engineering. The final

examination is being held in June of each year.

A further £300,000 extension to the main college building is under way, and it is expected that, when it is completed, the facilities of the pharmacy department will be further extended. There is, in fact, every prospect that the College will long continue to attract students "frae a' the airts."



Mr. Eric Knott, Ph.C., points to Edinburgh Castle, a unique view of which is seen from the roof of the new pharmacy building.



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#### "Comparative Hardships" of Leaseholders and Landlords

JNDER the Leasehold Property Act, 1951, uestions have recently arisen as to the osition of the tenant of a landlord who equires possession of the premises for his wn occupation for trade or business puroses, and proposes to make alterations o premises in order to adapt them to hose purposes. The Act entitles a tenant arrying on a retail trade to an extension of his tenancy, but the Court has a disretion in the matter. No order will be hade for an extension unless the court, in ll the circumstances of the case, considers reasonable so to grant one.

That discretionary power to grant an xtension, however, cannot be exercised there, among other things, the landlord easonably requires possession in order that ne premises, or a substantial part of them lay be demolished or reconstructed. Anther case in which the court cannot grant n extension is where greater hardship ould be caused by granting it. The buren of proving greater hardship, and of he reasonable requirement of the premises r the purpose of demolition or reconruction, rests on the landlord, and it is burden that cannot lightly be discharged. he mere fact that a landlord requires ossession of the premises for his own cupation, though a factor which the urt will take into account in considerg the question of hardship, is not an solute bar to the grant of an extension s is the fact that possession of the premises is required for the purpose of demolition or reconstruction).

The question therefore arises whether a landlord, by proving not only that he requires the premises for his own occupation, but also that the premises are to be demolished or reconstructed for the purposes of that occupation, can defeat absolutely the tenant's right to an extension. The type of case generally met with is one in which alterations are to be effected in order to adapt the premises for the purpose of the landlord's business. Alteration of a minor character, such as putting up a partition in a room, or installing w.c.s and wash basins, are not enough. One might go so far as to say that, unless there are substantial structural alterations, such as pulling down portions of internal walls, cutting openings, removing existing staircases, and erecting new ones in some different position or the like, there cannot be a "reconstruction," and the case must fall outside the relevant paragraph of the Act.

To determine whether the paragraph applies so as to constitute an absolute bar to the tenant's right to an extension of lease, two principal matters must be proved. The landlord must show not only that the proposed work constitutes a "reconstruction" of, at any rate, a substantial portion of the premises, but also that he "reasonably requires possession" for that purpose. Assuming that the work constitutes a reconstruction, what factors bear on the question whether the premises are "reasonably required"? Must the matter be regarded solely from the landlord's point of view, or must consideration be given equally to the tenant's interests? It now appears to be that the matter must be regarded equally from the point of view of both. The tenant is entitled to a limited extension of his tenancy, for one year, and then only until June 1953, and it might be argued that the landlord could easily afford to wait for just that little longer time, particularly bearing in mind that licences for executing the work are not readily granted. Another point that can be advanced in the tenant's favour, if the facts warrant it, is that the landlord can just as easily

occupy the premises for his own business without any reconstruction of the premises at all, slight alterations being sufficient for the purpose. And then the landlord cannot prove that he reasonably requires possession for the purpose of reconstruction, then he (the landlord) is thrown back on the plea of greater hardship. and the odds would be that the tenant would not be deprived of his extension.

Square Meals for Babies

Conclusions about infant feeding reached by an eminent physician after forty years of children's practice are given by Dr. C. W. Vining (Emeritus Professor of Children's Diseases, University of Leeds) in the "Lancet" (July 19, p. 6725). In briefest outline, they resolve themselves into a belief that the so-called "feeding disorders" in infants are chiefly due to hunger, the result of underfeeding. The marketing of dried milk about thirty years ago, says Vining, almost certainly did more than anything else to reduce infant mortality. "Some ascribed this improvement to the absence of bacteria in the driedmilk feed; but, looking back, it seems to me more likely that the real reason was that for the first time the artificially fed baby was presented with a square meal and a square deal." After advocating, at successive stages of his career, that an infant required 21 oz. of breast milk or its equivalent for each lb. of body weight; and 21 oz. for each lb. of expected weight (if progress had been normal) the author is now inclined to let the baby have what he or she will take. Most babies, he declares, will progress satisfactorily on the most diverse types of food, so long as it is adequate in quantity and can be easily taken. Feeding healthy babies with halfcream dried milk is strongly deprecated. Vining's summary of the main causes of vomiting, posseting, infrequent or abnormal stools, "colic," "wind," and excessive crying during the breast- or bottle-feeding period are likely to influence thought on the subject for a long time to come. As will be seen from the ones quoted, they are "straight from the shoulder":-

Underfeeding due to fear of over-feeding Following the directions set out on the packet

of dried milk ("usually calculated for an infant whose birth weight was 61 lb."). Strict adherence to the quantities indicated by academic dictates. Feeding according to present rather than

expected weight.

Using a bottle open at one end only. Using a teat which will not allow an easy flow of milk or which collapses in the infant's mouth like blotting paper, either because of age or continual boiling.

Making the feed too hot ("I have twice seen a baby scalded about the neck by the con-

tents of the bottle ").

Misinterpreting the symptoms as those of subacute gastro-enteritis, and treating and feeding accordingly.

From Want to Plenty

SINCE the beginning of the year there have been many indications that the market for chemicals has turned in favour of buyers. Many commodities which during last year's peak trading were severely rationed to consumers are now freely available. This rapid change of circumstances can be attributed largely to reluctance on the part of the ultimate consumer to purchase for fear that prices will fall (as indeed many have). There is even enough sulphur for present needs, though that position could be quickly reversed if the textile industry returned to its early 1951 level of activity. Salts of metals such as zinc and antimony, which soared after the outbreak of the Korean war, are now dropping back in The closing (or near closing) of many overseas markets due to balance of payments difficulties, and the increased production of chemicals by Continental countries-in particular Germany, Italy and France—have created a surplus where once, not so long ago, there was a famine. The present trend should not be looked upon as the harbinger of a general slump, but rather as a return to the status quo, whereby in normal times within the industry there is a surplus of production over demand.

#### Research Increasing

ALTHOUGH the Federation of British Industries has tackled its self-imposed task of reviewing British industrial research development investigations fairly thoroughly it is unfortunate that it did not subdivide the chemicals group, the largest

in the report, into specialised sections. Little change appears to have taken place in certain aspects of the subjects investigated such as the proportion of manufacturers who are members of research organisations, and the ratio of qualified to unqualified staff in research laboratories. But it is useful to be assured that the chemical industry is progressing soundly in research assuming that the increase in the number of qualified staff employed over the past five years is a measure of research accomplished. Moreover the relative gain of engineers over chemists may

indicate the growing realisation by the industry of the importance of the chemical engineer. It is notable, too, that nearly 90 per cent. of the research appears to have been directed to projects within the companies apart from those resulting from their technical sales services. The scientific instrument industry led all others investigated in increase in floor space devoted to research and development departments. The achievements in research have been made in the face of shortage of trained research workers and financial restrictions that affect expansion programmes.

# GUIDE TO EDUCATION in pharmacy and allied professions

## How to Become a Pharmacist in Britain

IN order to be admitted to the register of pharnaceutical chemists of the Pharmaceutical Society, student must undergo academic training and an apprenticeship and pass certain examinations, as outlined in the centre panel. Every student must register. If he has passed, at not more than two sittings, the General Certificate of Education exmination in chemstry, physics and biology at vanced standard, or the final or in-

ermediate Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree examination or equivaent of any British University (the subects to include chemistry, physics and piology), he may claim exemption from he Intermediate examination (if the exempting examination were passed

#### STEP BY STEP

- 1. Register with the Pharmaceutical Society as a student (fee £4 4s.) submitting proof of having reached an approved standard in general education.
- 2. Undergo one year's full-time instruction in chemistry, physics and biology in an approved institution.
- 3. Pass the Society's Intermediate examination.
- 4. Undergo two years' full-time instruction in pharmaceutical chemistry, pharmaceutics, physiology and pharmacology, pharmacognosy, and forensic pharmacy in an approved institution.
- 5. Pass the Society's Qualifying examination.

before December 31, 1952, botany or zoology would be accepted in place of biology). A degree in pharmacy in certain universities entitles a student to exemption from all subjects of the Qualifying examination except forensic pharmacy.

Apprenticeship is taken, under articles, in a retail pharmacy, hospital or manufacturing p h a r m aceutical laboratory approved by the Society's Council. If taken before the Qualifying exam-

Qualifying examination its duration is two years; if taken after, one year. The student is entitled, after having passed, or having gained exemption from, the Qualifying examination and having served his apprenticeship, and if over twenty-one years of age, to registration as a pharmaceutical chemist.

## QUALIFYING EXAMINATION SYLLABUSES

The syllabuses for the Pharmaceutical Chemist Qualifying examination under the revised system of education adopted by the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society were made available in November 1950. The details are given concisely below. For those candidates registered as "Apprentice or Student" on and after June 1, 1948, the same syllabus will apply. In the remaining Chemist and Druggist Qualifying examinations for entrants who have had only a one-year course, the examiners are being asked to limit their questions to matters common to the present syllabus for the Chemist and Druggist Qualifying examination and new syllabus.

#### Pharmaceutical Chemistry

The examination in this subject comprises two written sessions, each of three hours' duration, and one practical session of six hours' duration. The examiners are not precluded from asking candidates oral questions during the practical sessions.

The candidate will be required to have a knowledge of the following:—The principles of physical chemistry treated in an elementary manner mainly with reference to their pharmaceutical application.

The general principles of inorganic chemistry based upon the characteristics of the elements and compounds shown by the periodic relationships and an elementary treatment of valency and the electronic structure of their atoms. An elementary treatment of atomic structure, isotopes, nuclear chemistry, natural and induced radioactivity. A general knowledge of organic chemistry, with particular reference to substances in frequent use in pharmacy. A knowledge of the structure, nomenclature and chemical properties of pharmaceutical importance of the following and such of their derivatives as are in the British Pharmacopœia: - Diphenyl ethane, triphenyl methane, naphthalene, anthracene, furan, pyrole, thiazole, pyrazole imidazole pyridine, quinoline, isoquinoline, acridine. The structure of phenanthrene. Chemical synthesis by the more important reagents.

A knowledge of chemistry of the following groups of medicinal organic compounds: sulphonamides, barbiturates, arsenical compounds, local anæsthetics. The general constitution and properties of the fixed oils, fats and waxes of the British Pharmacopæia. The principles involved

in the estimation of the oxygenated con stituents of essential oils. A knowledge o the structure and simple chemical proper ties of terpineol, limonene, carvone, men thol and camphor. The general method employed for the extraction of alkaloid and the methods employed for the elucida tion of their structure. The preparation and structure of uric acid, caffeine theo bromine and theophylline. A knowledge of the properties of pharmaceutical im portance of vitamins and hormones of the British Pharmacopæia. The general chem istry of the carbohydrates, with a know ledge of the structure, excluding stereo chemical considerations, of glucose and methylglucosides, fructose, sucrose, lactose salicin. An elementary knowledge of the classification and general characteristics o the proteins and of essential amino acid and their relationship to proteins. principles of analysis as exemplified by the determinations and processes indicated in the practical syllabus.

#### PRACTICAL

Volumetric analysis. Gravimetric analy sis. The quantitative determination of ar alkaloid in acid or alcoholic solution. The determination of the acid, saponification and iodine values of fixed oils and fats The determination of aldehydes in volatile oils. The general methods for the detection and determination of chloride, sulphate iron, arsenic and lead as impurities. The determination of the melting point of solid readily reducible to a powder and of the boiling point, density, refractive index and optical rotation of liquids. The identifica tion of the functional groups and the pre paration of simple crystalline derivative of organic compounds. The identification or reference to class of organic chemical. of the British Pharmacopæia. The qualitative analysis of mixtures of inorganic sub stances and organic acids and their salt commonly used in medicine. The prepara tion of simple organic compounds illustrative of the general processes involved ir preparing substances included in the theoretical syllabus.

The candidate will be required to bring to the practical examination his original laboratory notebooks, duly signed by the teacher, for inspection should the examiners so desire. These notebooks must be taken away by the candidate at the close of the examination. In the practical examination the candidate may use any book or books he chooses to bring including his own laboratory notebooks.

#### Pharmaceutics

The examination in this subject comprises two written sessions and two practical sessions, each of three hours' duration. The examiners are not precluded from asking candidates oral questions during the practical session.

The historical development of pharmacy. The application of physical phenomena to pharmaceutical operations—change of state, systems of two or more components-solutions, dispersions. Pharmaceutical processes and products — preparation of material, solvents, extraction, assay and standardisation, clarification and filtration, including removal of fat, proteins, gums, pectins tannins, ultrafiltraion, stabilisation - maintenance of stapility during storage, enzymes. The products of the British Pharmacopæia and the British Pharmaceutical Codex to be used to llustrate the above. The nature and properties of materials used in the construcion of pharmaceutical apparatus. Microbiology in so far as it affects the content of his syllabus. Sterilisation and the preparaion of sterile medicaments and materials. Disinfectants and antiseptics—methods for valuation of disinfectants. Bacteriostatics ind fungistatics. Asepsis in the preparaion of sterile products—sources of con-amination, aseptic precautions. The preparation, properties and storage condi-ions of immunological and diagnostic gents of the British Pharmacopæia; the eneral principles underlying their stanlardisation. Dispensing practice—ethical odes; the prescription—purpose, property ights; the doses of medicaments of the Pharmacopæia; dispensing and ompounding of medicines; containers; nedical gases—containers and apparatus equired and its use; equipment and oranisation of the pharmacy. The candiate will be required to have such a knowdge of French or German as will enable im, with the aid of technical dictionaries, translate into English passages from harmacopæias in that language.

#### PRACTICAL

The student must be prepared to carry ut ordinary pharmaceutical operations, inuding the making of preparations inuded in the British Pharmacopæia and British Pharmaceutical Codex, the dis-

pensing of prescriptions, the preparation and dispensing of sterile medicaments and materials, the detection of unusual doses and the completion of preparations in a proper manner. The preparation of sterile medicaments and materials includes the preparation of culture media, methods of evaluating antibiotics, sensitivity tests and tests for sterility.

The candidate will be required to bring to the practical examination his original laboratory note-books, duly signed by the teacher, for inspection should the Examiners so desire. These notebooks must be taken away by the candidate at the close of the examination. In the practical examination the candidate will have the opportunity of consulting the British Pharmacopæia and the British Pharmaceutical Codex,

#### Pharmacognosy

The examination in this subject comprises one written session of three hours' duration and one practical session of three hours. The examiners are not precluded from asking candidates oral questions dur-

ing the practical session.

The candidate will be required to have a knowledge of the following:-I. The commerce in and history of crude drugs. 2. Systems of classification of crude drugs. 3. Cultivation, collection, preparation for the market and storage of crude drugs. 4. Changes occurring in the drying storage and comminution of crude drugs. factors and organisms influencing deterioration of crude drugs. 5. Methods used for the examination of crude drugs. The isolation and identification of tissues and cells Microchemical tests for cell walls and cell contents. Microscopical measurements. The systematic description of crude drugs. 6. The macroscopical and sensory characters, biological and geographical sources, commercial varieties and adulterants and constituents of the crude drugs in frequent use in pharmacy. 7. The microscopy of drugs of organised structure in the whole, broken or powdered condition, as illustrated by cascara, clove, cardamom fruit, fennel, belladonna herb, ginger, liquorice, ipecacuanha. 8. The microscopy of the starches and starch products of pharmaceutical importance. The use of microscopical characters to identify drugs of unorganised structure in frequent use in pharmacy. 9. Groups of drug constituents and their significance in pharmacy. Qualitative tests for the identification of or the detection of adulteration in, the crude drugs in frequent use in pharmacy. The types and significance of standards for

crude drugs included in the British Pharmacopæia and the British Pharmaceutical Codex. The evaluation of crude drugs. II. Unmedicated surgical dressings, their manufacture, structure and standards. The sources, preparation, characters, qualitative chemical tests and constituents of fibres used in the manufacture of surgical dressings. 12. The principles underlying the practical work of the syllabus.

PRACTICAL

The candidate must be prepared: 1. To examine and describe the macroscopical characters, the general distribution of tissues, the nature of the cell walls and the cell contents of crude drugs, and to refer them to their morphological groups. To identify in the entire or broken condition, by their gross characters and by qualitative tests, the crude drugs in frequent use in pharmacy and to state their biological and geographical sources. 3. To detect adulteration and deterioration in crude drugs in frequent use in pharmacy. 4. To analyse mixtures of crude drugs in the entire or broken conditions. 5. To examine microscopically, identify and describe the drugs included in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the theoretical syllabus. 6. To identify powders of single crude drugs and to report upon their purity. (The candidate will be allowed to use any book or books he wishes to bring.) 7. To make 8. To exmicroscopical measurements. amine, identify and report on the fibres and dressings named in paragraph 11 of the theoretical syllabus. 9. To carry out simple exercises in drug evaluation, 10. To recognise, in the entire condition, those crude drugs used in pharmacy or as sources of isolated active principles.

The candidate will be required to bring to the practical examination his original laboratory notebooks, duly signed by the teacher, for inspection should the Examiners so desire. These notebooks must be taken away by the candidate at the close of the examination. In the practical examination the candidate may use any book or books he chooses to bring (including his own practical notebooks) except for the answering of those questions involving objective descriptions of the macroscopical characters of crude drugs or the microscopical characters of those drugs indicated in paragraph 5 of the practical syllabus.

#### Physiology and Pharmacology

The examination comprises one written session of three hours' duration and one

practical session of three hours' duration. The examiners are not precluded from asking candidates oral questions during the practical session.

The candidate will be expected to possess an elementary knowledge of the basic facts in the branches of physiology and pharmacology listed below and of the main methods by which these facts were established

#### Physiology

(General): The properties and control of skeletal, visceral and cardiac muscle. The formation, properties, functions and circulation of the blood and lymph. The mechanism and control of pulmonary ventilation; gaseous interchange at the lungs and tissues. Artificial respiration. The alimentary tract. Basal metabolism and body heat. The principles involved in construct ing a balanced diet; vitamins. The kid neys and urinary tract. The central and peripheral nervous systems, including the autonomic nerves. The special senses of sight, taste and smell. The structure and functions of the glands of internal secre tion, including (a) pituitary body, (b) thy roid and parathyroids, (c) pancreas, (d) suprarenals, (e) testes and ovaries. The elements of reproduction in man. (His tology): The candidate must possess at elementary knowledge of the microscopica structure of the following: -Muscle and nerve; the heart, blood vessels and blood lungs; the digestive glands; stomach and intestines; liver; kidneys; skin; the en docrine glands and the reproductive or gans, including the mammary gland and the placenta. (Biochemistry): The bio chemistry and metabolism of carbohydrates fats and proteins. The composition and functions of the salivary, gastric, biliary pancreatic and intestinal secretions. composition and nutritional value of com mon foodstuffs. The chemistry of muscu lar contraction. The composition of blood lymph and cerebrospinal fluid. Norma and abnormal constituents of urine.

#### PHARMACOLOGY

Scope of pharmacology. Theories of an factors affecting drug action. Quantita tive methods in pharmacology. Dose-re sponse curves. The general principles an methods underlying the biological assay of the British Pharmacopæia, excluding the assays of sera, vaccines and bacterial derivatives. Special attention should be give to the determination of toxicity and LD56 An elementary study of the statistical prin

ciples involved in the assessment of the error of these quantitative tests. Drugs affecting structures innervated by the autonomic nervous system and by the somatic motor nerves. Drugs used as central nervous depressants and stimulants, Antipyretics. Local anæsthetics, Emetics; antacids; purgatives; astringents; diuretics. Disinfectants, bactericides and bacteriostatics, including antibiotics. The application of pharmacological principles in treatment of poisoning.

PRACTICAL

The candidate must be prepared:—To show his acquaintance with the methods employed for the demonstration of fundamental physiological and pharmacological processes, as laid down in the foregoing syllabus, and to carry out such chemical

manipulations or simple experiments as are comprised therein. To recognise and describe with diagrams, histological preparations of any tissue or organs mentioned in the foregoing syllabus.

#### · Laboratory Notebooks

The candidate will be required to bring to the practical examination his original laboratory note-books, duly signed by the teacher, for inspection should the Examiners so desire. These notebooks must be taken away by the candidate at the close of the examination. In the practical examination the candidate will be allowed to use his original laboratory notebooks, other than his histology notebook, provided that the books contain no other matter.

The use of loose-leaf laboratory notebooks, in any subject, will not be acceptable to the examiners.

## COURSES FOR PHARMACY STUDENTS

#### I. Intermediate Examination

THE following educational establishments offer courses for the Pharmaceutical Society's Intermediate examination. Students are advised to apply for places as soon as possible. The dates of commencement and (in parentheses, where known) of enrolment are given.

Aberdeen: ROBERT GORDON'S TECHNICAL COLLEGE.—Head of pharmaceutical department: J. E. Bowen, B.Sc., Ph.C.,

F.R.I.C. October 7.

Birmingham: CENTRAL TECHNICAL COL-LEGE.—Head of pharmaceutical department: F. R. C. Bateson, B.Pharm., Ph.C. September 22 (September 8-12). Blackburn: MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL COL-

Blackburn: MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL COL-LEGE.—Head of science department: A. Walton, M.Sc., F.R.I.C. September 8

(ditto).

Boiton: MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE.—Head of chemistry department: D. C. Griffiths, M.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.I.C. Sep-

tember 22 (September 8).

Bournemouth: MUNICIPAL COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY AND COMMERCE.—Head of pure science department: E. A. Seeley, Ph.D., A.R.I.C. September 15 (September 8-11).

Bradford: Technical College.—Head of pharmaceutical department: F. N. Appleyard, B.Sc., Ph.C., F.R.I.C. Septem-

ber 29 (September 23-26).

Brighton: Technical College.—Head of pharmaceutical department: H. B. Mackie, B. Pharm., Ph.C. September 23. No vacancies.

Bristol: College of Technology.— Head of pharmaceutical department: W. Cooper, Ph.C. September 18 (immediately).

Burnley: MUNICIPAL COLLEGE.—Head of chemistry department: F. Dearnley, M.Sc., F.R.I.C. September 29 (September

15-19).

Cardiff: College of Technology and Commerce.—Head of pharmaceutical department: R. V. Lloyd, B.Pharm., Ph.C. September 24 (September 4).

Carlisle: Technical College,—Head of chemistry department: F. H. Day, M.Sc., Ph.D., F.C.S. September 22 (previ-

ous week).

Chelmsford: MID-ESSEX TECHNICAL COLLEGE. — Head of science department. M. R. Gridley, B.Sc. (hons.), F.Inst.P. September 16 (September 15).

Cheltenham: NORTH GLOUGESTERSHIRE TECHNICAL COLLEGE.—Head of science department: L. McPherson, M.Sc., F.Inst.P., F.R.Met.S. September 15 (September 8-12).

Coventry: TECHNICAL COLLEGE.—Head of chemistry department: H. C. Smith, M.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.I.C. September 22 (September 11).

Croydon: POLYTECHNIC.—Head of chemistry department: W. J. Boyd, B.Sc., Ph.D., A.R.I.C. September 22 (September 15).

Crumlin: TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF MON-MOUTHSHIRE.—Head of chemistry department: G. Gratton, M.Sc., B.Sc. (hons.), A.R.I.C. September 11 (ditto).

Dagenham: South-EAST ESSEX TECHNI-GAL COLLEGE.—Head of chemistry department: J. Ratcliffe, B.Sc., F.R.I.C. (Sep-

tember 23 (September 9).

Derby: Technical College.—Head of chemistry department: A. G. Catchpole, Ph.D., B.Sc., F.R.I.C. September 22 (ditto).

Doncaster: TECHNICAL COLLEGE. -Head of chemistry department: W. F. Andrews, M.Sc., B.Sc., A.R.I.C. September 22 (September 15).

Dundee: TECHNICAL COLLEGE.—Head of pharmaceutical department: H. A. Perkin, B.Pharm., Ph.C. September 22 (im-

mediately).

Edinburgh: HERIOT-WATT COLLEGE .-Head of pharmaceutical department: H. H. Campbell, A.H-W.C., B.Sc., Ph.C., F.R.I.C. October 7 (September 30).

Folkestone: Technical College. Lecturer in charge, science department: K. L. Scott, Ph.D., B.Sc. September 15

(immediately).

Gillingham: MEDWAY TECHNICAL COL-LEGE. — Head of chemistry department: H. I. Stonehill, B.Sc., Ph.D. September 9 (September 8).

Glasgow: ROYAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE. -Head of pharmaceutical department: Professor J. P. Todd, Ph.D., Ph.C.,

F.R.I.C. October 6.

Gloucester: Technical College. -Head of science department: R. Harrison, M.A., B.Sc., A.R.I.C. September 22 (September 8).

Guildford: COUNTY TECHNICAL COL-LEGE.—Senior lecturer in chemistry: J. C. Bevan, M.A., B.Sc., A.R.I.C. September 22 (immediately).

Halifax: MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL COL-LEGE.—Head of chemistry department: L. Hey, B.Sc., Ph.D., A.R.I.C. September 22 (September 8-11).

Huddersfield: TECHNICAL COLLEGE.-Head of pharmaceutical department: E. Lees, M.Sc., B.Sc. September 15 (September 8-11).

Hull: MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE. -Head of chemistry department: L. Balmforth, B.Sc., F.R.I.C. September 9

(immediately).

Kingston-on-Thames: TECHNICAL COL-LEGE. — Head of chemistry department: H. P. Starck, M.A. September 22 (September 17).

Leeds: College of Technology. -Head of chemistry department: W. R. Burnham, M.Sc., Ph.D., A.R.I.C. Septem-

ber 10 (September 9).

Leicester: College of Technology .-Head of pharmacy department: C. Gunn, B.Pharm., Ph.C. September 15 (now).

Liverpool: College of Technology. -Head of pharmaceutical department: T. L. Bowyer, Ph.C., F.R.I.C. September

8 (September 1).

London: ACTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE, London, W.3.—Head of chemistry department: J. H. Skellon, T.D., M.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.I.C. September 22 (September 11 and 12). CHELSEA POLYTECHNIC, London, S.W.3.-Head of pharmaceutical department: C. Morton, B.Sc., Ph.C. September 29 (September 24). No vacancies. Northern Polytechnic, London, N.17.—Head of chemistry department: W. Gerrard, D.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.I.C. September 22 (by letter immediately). Norwood Tech-NICAL INSTITUTE, London, S.E.27.—Head of chemistry department: J. T. Stock, M.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.I.C. September 1 (immediately). Walthamstow, South-West ESSEX TECHNICAL COLLEGE, London, E.17. -Head of science department: R. W. Jukes, B.Sc. September 10 (ditto). West Ham Municipal College, London, E.15. —Head of chemistry department: F. L. Allen, Ph.D., M.Sc., F.R.I.C. September 22 (immediately). Woolwich Polytech-NIC, London, S.E.18.—Head of chemistry department: A. I. Vogel, D.Sc., D.I.C., F.R.I.C. September 22 (September 15 and

Middlesbrough: Constantine Techni-CAL COLLEGE.—Head of chemistry department: J. W. Gailer, M.Sc., A.R.I.C. Sep-

tember 22 (September 8).

Neath: TECHNICAL COLLEGE.—Head of chemistry department: E. McCutcheon, M.Sc. September 15 (September 8).

Newcastle-on-Tyne: RUTHERFORD COL-LEGE OF TECHNOLOGY.—Head of pharmaceutical department: E. W. Mills, B.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.I.C. September 22 (September 8).

Newport: TECHNICAL COLLEGE.—Head of chemistry department: L. McGraghan, M.Sc., F.R.I.C. September 1 (ditto).

Northampton: College of Techno-LOGY.—Head of chemistry department: W. Siddall, B.Sc., Ph.D., A.R.I.C. September 15 (September 8).

Norwich: CITY COLLEGE AND ART School.—Head of science department: R. Jones, B.Sc. September 15 (September 5).

Nottingham: NOTTINGHAM AND DIS-TRICT TECHNICAL COLLEGE.—Head of chemistry department: J. R. Rowlands, M.Sc., A.R.I.C. September 15 (September 12).

Plymouth: TECHNICAL COLLEGE.—Head of pharmaceutical department: V. Smith, M.Sc., F.R.I.C., Ph.C. September 15 (immediately). No vacancies.

Portsmouth: MUNICIPAL COLLEGE. Head of pharmaceutical department: E. Thorpe, B.Sc., B.Pharm., Ph.C. September 16 (September 10).

Preston: HARRIS INSTITUTE.—Head of chemistry department: E. Taylor, M.Sc., F.R.I.C. (enrolment during week ending

September 13).

Rotherham: TECHNICAL COLLEGE. Head of chemistry department: M. B. Thompson, A.R.S.M., B.Sc. (hons.), Ph.D., F.I.M., M.Inst.M. September 22 (September 10-16).

St. Helens: MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL COL-LEGE. — Head of chemistry department: A. H. Henson, B.A., A.R.I.C. September 8

(September 2-5).

Salford: ROYAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

September 23 (September 16).

Shrewsbury: TECHNICAL COLLEGE. -Head of pharmaceutical department: N. Baldwin, B.Sc. September 15 (ditto).
Southport: Technical College.

Head of chemistry department: A. E. Hollis, B.Sc. September 1 (immediately).

Stockport: College.—Principal: R. S. Haddow, B.Sc. Eng., A.M.I.Mech.E. Sep-

tember 22 (September 16).

Stoke-on-Trent: NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE TECHNICAL COLLEGE.—Head of pharmaceutical department: H. V. Thompson, M.A. September 22 (September 8-12). Sunderland: Technical College.

Head of pharmaceutical department: F. H. Oliver, B.Sc., B.Pharm., Ph.C. October 1

(September 24).

Swansea: TECHNICAL COLLEGE.—Head of chemistry department: F. R. Harries, Ph.D., F.R.I.C. September 22 (September 15).

Torquay: SOUTH DEVON TECHNICAL COLLEGE.—Head of chemistry department: A. E. Oldbury, B.Sc. September 22

(immediately).

Wigan: WIGAN AND DISTRICT MINING AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE.—Head of chemistry department: H. K. Dean, B.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.I.C. September 22 (September

Wolverhampton: Wolverhampton and STAFFORDSHIRE TECHNICAL COLLEGE. -Head of department of applied science: J. A. Waddam, B.Sc. (hons.), M.Sc. (Lond.), A.R.I.C. September 15 (last date, September 8).

#### II. Qualifying Examination

THE following offer courses for the Pharmaceutical Society's Qualifying examina-tion. The dates of commencement and enrolment are given where they are different from those for the Intermediate ex-

Aberdeen: ROBERT GORDON'S TECHNI-

CAL COLLEGE.

Birmingham: CENTRAL TECHNICAL COL-LEGE.—No vacancies.

Bradford: TECHNICAL COLLEGE. Brighton: TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

Bristol: College of Technology. Dundee: TECHNICAL COLLEGE.—September 29 (ditto).

Edinburgh: HERIOT-WATT COLLEGE Glasgow: ROYAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE.
October 6. No vacancies.

Leicester: College of Technology.— September 15 (immediately). No vacancies. London: Chelsea Polytechnic.—Enrolment on September 22. No vacancies.

Manchester: THE UNIVERSITY.—Professor of Pharmacy: H. Brindle, M.Sc., F.R.I.C., Ph.C. October 2 (September 24).

Nottingham: THE UNIVERSITY.—Head pharmaceutical department: G. E. Trease, B.Pharm., Ph.C., F.R.I.C., F.L.S. No vacancies.

Plymouth: TECHNICAL COLLEGE. Portsmouth: MUNICIPAL COLLEGE. Sunderland: TECHNICAL COLLEGE. -October 7 (ditto).

#### III. Degree Courses in Pharmacy

The following universities and colleges courses for internal degrees in offer pharmacy:-

Cardiff: College of Technology.— B.Pharm. (University of Wales). September

24 (September 4). No vacancies,

Glasgow: ROYAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE. -Honours degree course for Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy. October 6 (ditto). No vacancies.

London: School of Pharmacy, University of London, 17 Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C.I. Dean: Professor H. Berry, B.Sc., Dip. Bact. (Lond.), F.R.I.C., Ph.C., B.Pharm. of University of London. October 1. No vacancies

Manchester: University of Manches-TER.—B.Sc. (Pharmacy). September (ditto). No vacancies for final course.

Nottingham: THE UNIVERSITY. B.Pharm. (University of Nottingham). October (before December 31, nine months ahead of entry date). No vacancies for session commencing October 1952.

The following technical colleges offer courses for the Intermediate B.Pharm. (London) (external) examination:

Aberdeen: ROBERT GORDON'S TECHNI-CAL COLLEGE.

Birmingham: CENTRAL TECHNICAL COL-

Blackburn: Municipal Technical Col-

Bolton: MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL COL-

Bournemouth: MUNICIPAL COLLEGE OF

TECHNOLOGY. Bradford: TECHNICAL COLLEGE. Brighton: TECHNICAL COLLEGE. Bristol: College of Technology. Croydon: POLYTECHNIC.

Dagenham: South-East Essex Tech-NICAL COLLEGE.—September 23 (September 22).

Derby: TECHNICAL COLLEGE. Dundee: TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

Folkestone: TECHNICAL COLLEGE. Gillingham: THE MEDWAY TECHNICAL

COLLEGE. Guildford: County Technical Col-

LEGE. Huddersfield: TECHNICAL COLLEGE. Hull: MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE. Kingston-on-Thames: TECHNICAL COL-LEGE.

Leicester: College of Technology. London: ACTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE.-September 22 (ditto). Chelsea Polytechnic.—No vacancies, Northern Polytechnic.—West Ham Municipal College.— WOOLWICH POLYTECHNIC.

Neath: TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

TECH-COLLEGE OF Northampton:

NOLOGY. Norwich: CITY COLLEGE.—September 15 (September 5). Few vacancies for classes in botany and zoology.

Plymouth and Devonport: TECHNICAL

COLLEGE.

Portsmouth: MUNICIPAL COLLEGE. Rotherham: College of Technology. Salford: ROYAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE .-Full-time, September 23 (September 16); part-time, September 22 (September 29). Sunderland: Technical College.

Swansea: TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

Torquay: South Devon Technical COLLEGE.

Wigan: WIGAN AND DISTRICT TECHNICAL

COLLEGE. Wolverhampton: WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

The following technical colleges offer courses for the final Bachelor of Pharmacy (London) (external) examination:-

Aberdeen: ROBERT GORDON'S TECH-NICAL COLLEGE.

Bradford: Technical College.—Sep-

tember 29. Brighton: TECHNICAL COLLEGE,-Probably a few vacancies.

Leicester: College of Technology. London: CHELSEA POLYTECHNIC.—September 29 (September 22). No vacancies.

Portsmouth: MUNICIPAL COLLEGE.
Sunderland: TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

#### IV. Examination Revision Courses

COLLEGE.-No TECHNICAL Coventry: special revision courses but day and evening classes useful for Intermediate pharmacy students are available.

Hull: MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE. -Course for students referred or failed in the Qualifying examination of the Phar-

maceutical Society.

Nottingham: NOTTINGHAM AND DIS-TECHNICAL COLLEGE. — Organic chemistry revision course for post-intermediate pharmacy students.

Preston: HARRIS INSTITUTE.—Evening revision class for Intermediate examination of the Pharmaceutical Society.

#### V. Post-graduate and Refresher Courses, etc.

Bristol: College of Technology .and post-graduate courses Refresher arranged in conjunction with the Bristol Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society.

Coventry: Technical College.—Facilities available for evening courses in physiology, pharmacognosy, dispensing and organic chemistry.

Edinburgh: HERIOT-WATT COLLEGE,-Associateship of Heriot-Watt College in Applied Pharmacy. October 7 (September 30). Restricted for the time being to Pharmaceutical Chemists who have obtained their diploma through the College.

London: SCHOOL OF PHARMACY, University of London.—Facilities for post graduate work in all subjects of the B.Pharm. honours degree. ACTON TECH NICAL COLLEGE.—Courses of twelve lectures on "The Vitamins," commencing October 1 (Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.); and "Some Aspects of the Chemistry of Oils Fats and Waxes," commencing September 26 (Fridays at 7.30 p.m.). Enrolment by post as soon as possible. Details from principal. CHELSEA POLYTECHNIC.—Shor post-graduate courses of lectures on recen developments in Pharmacy are held a intervals throughout the session. Detail to be published. Courses of twenty lec

tures on biochemistry and eleven lectures on principles of cosmetic chemistry to be held by the chemistry department. NORTH-ERN POLYTECHNIC. — Special evening courses in surface chemistry, etc. Details from head of chemistry department. Nor-WOOD TECHNICAL COLLEGE.—Course of twelve lecture—practical periods in micro-chemistry. Course commences January 10, 1953 and each Saturday morning 9.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Enrolment up to December 5. Further particulars from the secretary. West Ham Municipal Col-LEGE.—Post-graduate courses held from time to time.

Manchester: University of Manches-TER.—Facilities for research in pharmacy. Nottingham.—THE UNIVERSITY.—Full facilities in all departments for post-gradu-

ate research.

Salford: ROYAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE.-Lecture courses in colloid chemistry, distillation and design of experiments.

Southport. — TECHNICAL COLLEGE. — Organic chemistry course for pharmacy apprentices, in preparation for final ex-

amination.

Wigan: WIGAN AND DISTRICT TECHNI-COLLEGE.—Post-graduate classes are provided in the chemistry department on glass-blowing and microhemistry; and in the biology department on bacteriology.

Wolverhampton: WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE TECHNICAL COLLEGE.-Special courses during summer term.

#### Diploma in Biochemical Analysis

THE course for the Diploma in Biochemical Analysis is concerned with the chemical examination of urine, blood, etc. Courses re available at:-

Hull: MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE. September 22 (on or before September a). Subject to necessary number of appli-

London: POLYTECHNIC. CHELSEA October 15 (by post as soon as possible). subject to necessary number of applica-

Nottingham: THE UNIVERSITY.—No acancies for session 1952-53. Enrolment efore December 31, for session comnencing October 1953.

Sunderland: TECHNICAL COLLEGE.—

October 7 (ditto).

#### Apothecaries' Assistants

COMPLYING with obligations laid down in he Apothecaries Act, 1815, the Society of

Apothecaries of London, Black Friars Lane. Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.4, continues to issue "certificates of competence to act as assistants in dispens-Candidates for the examinations are examined in dispensing, chemistry, pharmacology, forensic pharmacy, and the translation of prescriptions. Examinations are held in January, April, July and October of each year. Courses (where school is not named refer to above list):-

London: Northern Polytechnic; London College of Pharmacy, 7 Westbourne Park Road, Bayswater, London, W.a. Belfast: College of Technology. Blackburn: (Chemistry only). Brighton Technical College. Bristol: The Dispensary, Bristol General Hospital, College of Technology. Cardiff, Coventry, Derby: (Chemistry only. Pharmacology and dispensing might be arranged at a hospital). Edinburgh: Chemical Laboratory, Royal Infirmary. Huddersfield, Hull, Leicester, Liverpool: Central Technical College. Newark, Notts: County Technical College. Newcastle-on-Tyne: Royal Victoria Infirmary, Queen Victoria Road. Newport, Northampton, Norwich (chemistry only). Oxford: Schools of Technology, Art and Commerce. Plymouth, Portsmouth, Sheffield: The Royal Sheffield Infirmary and Hospital, Southend: Technical College. Stockport, Stoke-on-Trent, Sunderland, Swansea, Wolverhampton and New Cross Hospital.

#### Pharmacy (Northern Ireland)

Apprenticeship. — In order to qualify for registration as an apprentice in Northern Ireland a candidate must have passed at one examination (a) either any United Kingdom matriculation examination, the Grammar School Senior Certificate examination of the Northern Ireland Ministry of Education or the general certificate of education of the University of London in English or English language, a mathematical subject and three of the following: English literature (when a separate subject), Latin, French, German, domestic science, history, geography botany or biology or zoology, chemistry, physics or mechanics. Apprenticeship comprises four years under articles with an employer who is a registered pharmacist or who undertakes to appoint a registered pharmacist on his staff to supervise the student's work. During the final year of apprenticeship the stu-dent attends a full-time course.

Preliminary Scientific Examination. -Having served his apprenticeship and attended an approved course of instruction of not less than 750 hours, the candidate must pass the Part I examination in chemistry, physics and biology (entrance fee £6 6s, for the first entry and £4 4s, for

any subsequent entry).

Pharmaceutical Chemist Qualifying Examination.—A candidate may proceed to the qualifying examination without having passed Part 1 if he has passed the intermediate B.Sc. examination in pharmaceutics of the Queens University of Belfast. The subjects at the approved full-time course are:—

PHARMAGEUTICAL CHEMISTRY.—Principles of inorganic and organic chemistry illustrated by compounds in frequent phar-The characters, preparamaceutical use. tion and properties of the main types of aliphatic and simpler aromatic (with a single benzene ring) compounds. Principles underlying tests and assays of the British Preparation Practical: Pharmacopæia. and/or identification of certain organic compounds. Identification of the elements and characteristic organic groups. Performance of B.P. tests. Volumetric and alkaloidal (of simple solution only) assays.

PHARMACOGNOSY.—Recognition of certain B.P. or B.P.C. drugs, their sources, characters, active principles, varieties, and adulterants; knowledge of B.P. and B.P.C. tests.

PHARMACEUTICS.—Principles involved in pharmaceutical operations. Galenical preparations included in the B.P. Biology of bacteria so far as it affects the syllabus. Surgical dressings and their standardisation. Interpretation of prescriptions. Maximum B.P. doses. *Practical*: Preparation of galenicals and of sterile medicaments. Dispensing of prescriptions and detection of unusual doses.

Physiology.—An elementary knowledge of (i) biochemistry of food and tissues, (ii) structure of various tissues and organs, (iii) properties of muscle, (iv) the nervous system, (v) vision, (vi) the blood, (vii) the heart and peripheral blood vessels, (viii) respiration, (ix) digestion, (x) body heat, (xi) urine, (xii) endocrinology and (xiii) biological assays.

FORENSIC PHARMACY.—Knowledge of Acts relating to pharmacy in shop and hospital including the Dangerous Drugs, Therapeutic Substances and Pharmacy and Poisons (Northern Ireland) Acts.

The examination is held each June and December. Entrance fees: First entry, £12 12s.; subsequently, £6 6s. A candidate who has passed or obtained exemption from the Preliminary Scientific examination and has passed the Final Part 1 for the B.Sc. in Pharmaceutics, Queens University, need only pass the examination in

forensic pharmacy to qualify for registra tion as a Pharmaceutical Chemist.

The institutions approved by the Society for preparation for the Preliminary Scientific examination are:

College of Technology, Belfast. Municipal Technical College, Londonderry.

Technical School, Portadown.
Technical School, Coleraine.

Technical School, Colerand Technical School, Larne. Technical School, Newry Technical School, Omagh.

and for the Pharmaceutical Chemist Qualifying examination:—

College of Technology, Belfast.

## Pharmacy (Republic of Ireland)

An applicant for registration as a phan maceutical student in the Republic ( Ireland must, have passed a preliminar examination in English, Irish, Latin mathematics and a fifth subject, and i addition the pre-registration examinatio of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland A candidate who has gained credit for physics and chemistry in the preliminar examination or in certain university ex aminations is exempt from the pre-regi tration examination. The preliminary ex amination may be: (a) the Leaving Cert ficate examination of the Irish Depar ment of Education, (b) the matriculatic examination of the National University, ( any examination of equivalent standar conducted outside the State, which may l acceptable to the Council.

The Science Course.—A registere student must attend the Society's Colleger for a continued course of three terms lectures in pharmaceutical and gener chemistry, biology, pharmaceutics, forens pharmacy, history of pharmacy and ethic A student must pass terminal examinatio and the First Professional examinatio (held annually).

Apprenticeship.—A student who h passed the First Professional examination must serve three years as an apprentice an approved pharmacy.

The Pharmacy Course.—At the co clusion of apprenticeship a student retur to the Society's College for a further co tinous course of three terms of lectures pharmaceutical chemistry, pharmaceutic pharmacognosy, forensic pharmacy, con pounding and dispensing, and the Iri Pharmacopæia. A student who has pass terminal examinations is entitled to enfor the Second Professional examinatio On passing this he may apply for registration as a pharmaceutical chemist,

Syllabus: CHEMISTRY .- (a) Theoretical nd Physical Chemistry: Atomic structure. as laws, kinetic theory of gases, osmotic ressure, law of mass action, laws of elecolysis, ionisation, solubility product, рн alues (including buffer solutions and inicators), molecular weight determinations, adioactivity, bond structure. (b) Inorganic 'hemistry: A study of the chemistry of the ements based on the periodic table iterpreted in the light of modern iews on atomic structure. (c) Organic hemistry: A general study of aliphatic nd aromatic compounds, with special those of pharmaceutical ference to nportance.

Practical: Qualitative analysis of simple lts and of mixtures containing not more an two basic and two acidic radicals. olumetric analysis, including acidimetry in alkalimetry, permanganate, iodine and ver nitrate titrations; simple problems including such titrations. Preparation of inple organic substances, including tests repurity such as melting-point and boilg-point determinations.

PHARMACEUTICS.—Theoretical: Preparaon of pharmaceutical products of the narmacopæia, processes there employed, ficial methods of standardisation, pro-sses employed in the compounding of escriptions, precautions in aseptic disnsing, pharmaceutical sterilisation, applition of physico-chemical concepts to armacy (e.g., osmotic pressure, рн ubility product, acid-base reactions, etc.) actical: Weighing, measuring and comunding medicines, writing directions and ishing properly, calculation of quantities prescriptions, detection of incompatiities and overdoses, preparation of offil and semi-official galenicals, sterilisation medicaments and solutions for injection, entification of medicaments and preparans commonly used in medicine, comunding under aseptic conditions.

Pharmacognosy.—The recognition of ciments of vegetable and animal subnices used in medicine, a knowledge of family, methods of cultivation, collection and preservation of drugs, and their tree (botanical or zoological, and geophical); their chief constituents and ulterants; their galenical preparations doses.

SOTANY.—General morphology and visiology of the plant kingdom, systembotany, characteristics of the principal mbers of the vegetable kingdom (algae,

fungi, pteridophyta and thallophyta) and the characters of a number of selected families.

ZOOLOGY.—General morphology of the animal, with special reference to a few selected examples, e.g., rabbit, dog-fish, etc. Physiology of animals: respiration, absorption, digestion and elaboration of food materials; enzymes and hormones.

BIO-CHEMISTRY.—Chemical structure of human tissues (e.g., bone, muscle, blood). Hormones, vitamins and enzymes, their location and action, and diseases caused by deficiency. Human physiology, location and functions of the principal human organs, action of medicaments in the treatment of infections and diseases.

Introduction to Bacteriology.—A course on the biology of bacteria, the preparation of culture media, staining, etc., to provide students with a basis for more advanced work in the pharmaceutics course.

Assistants' Examination.—A registered student who has passed the First Professional examination and who has completed his period of apprenticeship may enter for an examination for the qualification of Assistant to Pharmaceutical Chemist. This entitles the holder to carry out the duties of a pharmaceutical chemist in the temporary absence of one such but does not entitle him to conduct open shop.

Membership.—A person whose name is entered on the register of Pharmaceutical Chemists may use the suffix L.P.S.I. He may apply for membership of the Society (M.P.S.I.) and on election pays an annual subscription of £2 2s.

Fees.—Preliminary registration, £4 4s.; Science course, £45; First Professional examination, £6 6s.; Pharmacy course, £45; Second Professional examination, £6 6s.; Assistants' examination, £3 3s.; Assistant's registration £2 2s.; Licence registration, £10 10s.

A student registered prior to July 31 may elect to follow the regulations which were in force up to that date. If such a student has not passed the Licence examination during an interim period of six years, he will be obliged to conform to the regulations summarised above. As from October, the Licence examination will be conducted in two parts (corresponding to the First and Second Professional examinations). Part 1 consists of chemistry, botany and biology; part 2 of pharmaceutics, pharmacognosy, compound-

ing and dispensing, forensic pharmacy. A candidate may not take part 2 until he has passed part 1, but a candidate may enter provisionally for both parts if he hopes to complete the examination in the same month. A candidate who fails part may enter for re-examination at intervals of three months. A candidate who fails part 2 may enter for re-examination at intervals of six months. The fee for either part is £6 6s.

#### Medicine

THE registration body for medical practitioners in the United Kingdom is the General Medical Council, 44 Hallam Street, London, W.I. There are a number of examining bodies, and when a student has passed the final examination of one of these bodies he is entitled to registration as a medical practitioner.

Study occupies a minimum of five academic years after passing a recognised examination in general education and in

chemistry, physics and biology.

The principal universities in the U.K. confer degrees in medicine and surgery (M.B., Ch.B. or equivalent). Other examining bodies whose qualifications confer a title to registration are:-

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON and THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SUR-GEONS OF ENGLAND, particulars from the Secretary, Examining Board in England, Examination Hall, 8 Queen Square, London. W.C.I.

THE SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LON-DON, particulars are obtainable from the Registrar, Apothecaries' Hall, Black Friars Lane, Queen Victoria Street London,

E.C.4. THE ROYAL COLLEGES OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH and THE ROYAL FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SUR-GEONS OF GLASGOW, particulars are obtainable from the Secretary, Scottish Con-joint Board, 18 Nicholson Street, Edin-

burgh.

The Medical Registration Council of Ireland recognises in addition to University degrees the qualification of THE APOTHECARIES HALL OF IRELAND, particulars from the Registrar, 95 Merrion Square, Dublin, C.17: and of The ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND and THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF IRELAND, particulars are obtainable from the Registrar, 6 Kildare Street, Dublin, or the Registrar, St. Stephens Green, Dublin, respectively,

#### Dentistry

DENTAL practitioners are registered in the dentists' register kept by the Dental Board of the United Kingdom, 44 Hallam Street London, W.I. A course of professiona study takes about five years (including a year devoted to chemistry, physics and biology) for a degree or diploma in dentis try. In some universities the degree course is slightly longer. Students are entitled to registration as dental practitioners or obtaining a licence or degree in dentistry granted by a university or a licence in den tistry granted by one of the following licensing bodies:

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, particulars from the Secretary Faculty of Dental Surgery of the College Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2.

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS O EDINBURGH, particulars are obtainable from the Clerk to College, 18 Nicholson Street, Edinburgh, 8.

THE ROYAL FACULTY OF PHYSICIAN AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW, particular from the Registrar, 242 St. Vincent Stree Glasgow.

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS I IRELAND, particulars from the Registra

St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

Registration in Ireland is in the hand of the Dental Board, 57 Merrion Squar Dublin. The Board recognises the follow ing examining bodies:-The Royal Co lege of Surgeons in Ireland, St. Stephen Green, Dublin; the University of Dublir and the National University of Irelan Dublin.

#### **Optics**

THERE are five examining bodies co cerned with the career of ophthalmic o ticians: The Worshipful Company of Spe tacle Makers, the British Optical Associ tion, the National Association of Optician the Scottish Association of Opticians, at the Institute of Optical Science. Full-tir courses for the examinations generally e tend over three years and part-time ov five years. Details of examination sylbuses, etc., may be obtained on applic tion to the bodies mentioned above.

#### Chiropody

To gain admission to the National Reg ter of Medical Auxiliary Services, it necessary to pass the examination of t Society of Chiropodists, 21 Cavend Square, London, W.I. Details on app cation to the Society.

## ENGINEERING FOR PHARMACY STUDENTS

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WHEN the teaching of pharmaceutics, as found in text had as found in text books, is reviewed for the past fifty years, it must be conceded that there has been an almost morbid retention of certain established ideas and techniques. This state of affairs is not confined to Britain. The few advances which have been made have usually taken the form of cataloguing the latest pieces of equipment developed by enterprising manufacturers and quoting their claims un-critically. There is nothing wrong with this approach, provided the established methods are fundamentally sound. But it must be remembered that pharmacy is an applied science which has developed from a collection of techniques based on rule-ofthumb methods. Also it has been prevented from growing naturally by exacting demands of an examination system which required a high standard of technical skill and a knowledge based to a greater extent on the "compounder's art" rather than a ogical development from scientific fact. No applied science can stagnate when the pounds of fundamental knowledge are exending as rapidly as they are at present. If t does stagnate, its place is quickly taken by other more alert allied subjects which are developing on a sound basic foundation and whose students are being taught to apply that knowledge with a critical faculty. t is false to base teaching only on techliques, for this can only succeed in prolucing a technician who has not the ackground knowledge at his command o solve the problem of changing an existng procedure or developing a new one. Many things in the "art" of pharmacy

Many things in the "art" of pharmacy ave been proved scientifically unreliable y the approach developed in chemical ngineering, an applied science which was irtually non-existent thirty years ago. he development of this subject was not indered by past tradition and could exand unfettered. Now some of its techologists have claimed that they are better quipped fundamentally than pharmacists control pharmaceutical manufacture.

How can this state of affairs be altered? ne approach is being tried by the School Pharmacy. University of London, and ay well prove to be the answer. The aining in pharmaceutics has been modical so that all students at a very early age appreciate the applied physics be-

hind the processes of heat and mass trans-fer, and fluid flow. Every effort is made to encourage them to apply this knowledge critically in the pharmaceutical processes which they meet later in their course, e.g., sterilisation, evaporation, drying, mixing and extraction, etc. If a student wishes to concentrate on the production of pharmaceuticals he can extend this basic knowledge by taking pharmaceutical engin-eering science as an optional subject in the third year of the B.Pharm. honours degree of the University. This has been developed as a qualitative and quantitative course in chemical engineering principles with emphasis at all times on the pharmaceutical bias necessary to ensure maximum potency and high quality control. It should be emphasised that the person so produced is still a pharmacist. His pharmaceutical training has been based on the same sound principles which are common to the chemical engineering world, but he is still interested in proper formulation and purity control and recognises the fact that it is ultimately the patient whom he is serving and not the process which he has produced.

#### Putting Techniques to the Test

Students taking this option are no longer taking for granted accepted techniques. Modifications to existing methods and apparatus are being suggested because they seem at variance with the basic principles of applied physics. Greater knowledge of the facts involved allows a more correct analysis of the mechanism governing the process to be made, and this in turn leads to a sounder assessment of methods of improvement, or to a better appreciation of the limitations of the process. This wider knowledge of the fundamentals of material processing must aid the application of the skill of the modern pharmacist, whether he be concentrating on the production, purification and formulation of a product, or on synthesis of modern medicaments. will inevitably place him in a better position to discuss with his colleagues-the chemical, works, and plant engineers, or the plant manufacturer—what is to be done and the best way of doing it when the need arises to improve or enlarge an existing process or develop a new project. This is surely the type of new member the pharmaceutical world is looking for.

# C.& D. REFRESHER COURSE for Pharmacists

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## 19.—HORMONES

(From the Greek:  $\delta \rho \mu \delta \nu$ , to stir up or excite).

In this article an attempt is made to summarise recent developments in our knowledge of hormones. The anterior pituitary, which has been referred to as the leader of the endocrine orchestra, would appear to be of sufficient importance to offer a suitable starting point.

## Pituitary Gland (Anterior Lobe)

Of the two lobes of the pituitary gland, anterior and posterior, the former has assumed great importance since the effect of Compound E in rheumatoid arthritis was reported some three years ago and at the same time it was realised that (ACTH) adrenocorticotrophic hormone produced by the anterior pituitary would stimulate production of this compound by ACTH is obtained the adrenal cortex. from animal pituitary glands. It has to be given by injection since it is orally ineffective. The usual routes are the intramuscular or subcutaneous ones and less frequently the intravenous. In the majority of conditions for which it has been used it produces only temporary remissions. Some of the more important conditions which have been treated with it will be mentioned when cortisone is considered. Maximum daily dosage is in the region of 200 mgm. divided into four injections and this dose is at first rapidly and then gradually reduced as the symptoms of the condition are controlled. This is to encourage the patient's own gland to take over. When maintenance dosage is required a single daily injection of 10 mgm. may suffice. It obviously only produces its effects in the presence of normally functioning adrenal glands.

## The Gonadotrophic Hormones

Next to be mentioned are the two gonadotrophic hormones. In the female, one of these has follice stimulating effects (with the production of æstrogen) and the other luteinising effects, i.e., causing the development of the corpus luteum (with the production of progestin). In the male the former acts on the tubules of the testes

and stimulates the production of spermatoza, and the latter on the interstitial cells of the testes to produce androgens (testosterone). The official gonadotrophins are not of human pituitary origin, the chori-onic gonadotropin (luteinising) being obtained from the urine of pregnant women and the serum gonadotrophin (follicle stimulating) from the serum of pregnan mares. Chorionic gonadotrophin finds it main use in the treatment of cryptorchid ism in boys in doses of 500 units two o three times weekly. In the female it effects are not considered to be proved Serum gonadotrophin has been used in the male in defective spermatogenesis and in the female in the treatment of delayed puberty, amenorrhæa and hypomenorrhæa Other substances produced are a lacto genic, a thyrotrophic and a growth hor mone, the actions of which are self ex planatory. These are at present of sma therapeutic importance.

## Pituitary (Posterior Lobe) and Adrenal

Turning to the posterior lobe we are o much safer ground. The two active prin ciples, official in injection of vasopressi and injection of oxytocin respectively as more easily separated and clear-cut their actions. Vasopressin controls th reabsorption of water in the kidney tubule (hence the name antidiuretic principl and it also has a pressor action. Becau of its first action it is used in the contr of diabetes insipidus (a disease characte ised by the excretion of large quantiti of weak urine). An oily suspension of the tannate has a more prolonged action. The oxytocic principle causes marked uteril contractions and is used occasionally induce labour and mainly in the contr of post-partum hæmorrhage.

The relationship between ACTH as cortisone prompts a consideration of t suprarenals next. The glands themselv consisting as they do of a central medu and surrounding cortex, secrete a numb of hormones. The medulla produces t sympathomimetic adrenaline which need

no review and noradrenaline, its lower homologue, has recently become available and is being used to maintain blood pressure during certain operations as it has a greater pressor activity than adrenaline. Our main interest is in the cortex which produces a number of steroids all of which are believed to be related to corticosterone.

CORTISONE.—Since the first announcement of the amazing effect of this sub-stance in rheumatoid arthritis, sufficient time has elapsed for the therapeutic position to be seen in some kind of perspective and its limitations and side effects to be more clearly defined. Like ACTH it usually produces only temporary, albeit often dramatic, remissions. It is used in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and its variants, lupus erythematosus, (early) inflammatory eye conditions, allergic disorders and some inflammatory skin diseases. Cortisone and ACTH have probably been tried in more conditions than any other substance. Cortisone possesses advantages over ACTH in that it is active orally and is probably nearly as effective weight for weight as when given by injection. Also in ophthalmic work it can be used as drops n a strength of 5 mgm, per mil. Dosage may be as high as 300 mgm, on the first lay of treatment (divided doses) in a nanner similar to that advocated for ACTH. Dosage must be tailed off gradually to allow pituitary action, which is depressed, to increase and hence exercise its timulating action on the cortex. ffects include salt and water retention, lypopotassæmia, hypoglycæmia psychic listurbances, acne, hirsutism, etc. Cortione is only one member of one of three roups of hormones produced by this land. Other compounds include Comound F which, like cortisone, blocks the ody's reaction to injury and enables it o withstand severe stress. The most imortant member of this second group is eoxycorticosterone which is concerned. rith fluid-electrolytic balance and finds its nain use in the treatment of Addison's isease. It is usually given (in daily dosage f approximately 5 mgm) by oily injection r implantation in pellets. In the crises of his disease suprarenal cortex extract is sed for quick action and it is also used a certain kinds of shock.

#### ex Hormones

These may be classified into three coups: — 1. Androgens, testosterone.

Estrogens, cestradiol and derivatives.

3. Progestins, progesterone. Having thus classified them it must be stated that they are not completely sex specific. All are steroid and being inefficient orally are given in oil or in aqueous suspension by injection, or by implantation. Group I hormones are essential in the male for the maintenance of secondary sex characteristics and normal functioning of the sex organs. The methyl derivative of testosterone is fortunately active orally and both it and testosterone are used in the male to produce their characterictic effect and in the female particularly in the treatment of mammary carcinoma. No cure is effected but regression of tumour growth sometimes occurs. Masculinisation may be caused.

In group 2 cestradiol may be regarded as the counterpart of testosterone. It and progesterone are concerned with the menstrual cycle and pregnancy and are to some extent antagonistic. Œstradiol is secreted during the preovulatory (proli-ferative or follicular) phase of the men-strual cycle. This is followed by the post ovulatory phase during which progesterone is the predominant hormone. This phase is terminated in the absence of a fertilised ovum by bleeding, attributable to the withdrawal of œstrogen from the circulation. The synthetic ethinyl derivative of cestradiol is the most powerful known cestrogen when given orally. The non-steroid synthetic substances stilbæstrol, dienæstrol and hexœstrol are also orally effective but less powerful. Ethisterone is an orally effective derivative of progesterone. therapeutic applications of the female sex hormones are numerous. They have been used for amenorrhæa, for which several regimens have been proposed, for menopausal disturbances, alone and combined with androgens. Œstrogens suppress lactation and in males, the growth of prostatic cancer.

Two more steroid hormones must be mentioned. The first, methylandrostenediol, is an androgen without androgenic effects but possessing their anabolic properties, and the second, pregnenolone which has been tried in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis.

#### Thyroid

The active principles of this, the first endocrine gland to be discovered, have been known for some years. Latterly the use of radioiodine has shed further light on the rôle of iodine and thyroxine, and the synthesis of the latter has made it possible to administer a pure substance instead of a whole gland extract. Continued advances have been made in the treatment of hyperthyroidism during the past few years and at present the thiouracils (the propyl derivative being probably the best) are commonly used. They act by preventing the conversion of iodine into thyroxine. They are active orally, being rapidly dissolved and excreted (mainly in the urine) but toxic effects some allergic in type and others, including agranulocytosis, occur. Radio-iodine also has therapeutic uses and the search for other useful and less toxic compounds proceeds as in other fields.

#### The Pancreas

Since insulin was first discovered much research has been devised towards finding a preparation only one daily dose of which is required and which maintains a satisfactory blood sugar level during twenty four hours. The proteins, protamine globin and others, it was discovered, wher combined with insulin, would prolong the effect, and later the addition of zinc wa found to improve this action and also the stability of the product. The latest devel opment is the production in America o NPH insulin which it is claimed is the best preparation devised to date. It is suspension of finely divided insoluble crystals of insulin, protamine and zinc. It had an action midway between insulin and protamine zinc insulin.

## **REVISION QUESTIONS**

- 1. How does ACTH produce its effects
- 2. (a) Which natural hormones are concerned with the maintenance of the menstrual cycle and (b) what orally actively synthetics having comparable effects are used in therapy?

### NEW BOOKS

Physical Biochemistry.—Henry B. Bull, Ph.D. Second edition. 9 x 5½ in. Pp. viii + 344. 46s. Chapman & Hall, Ltd., 37 Essex Street, Strand, London, W.C.2. The book is intended for all who intend to use physical chemistry in medical or biological problems. Two-thirds of the first edition (published in 1943) has been rewritten and new material included. There is an index and the book is well supplied with graphs and diagrams.

Iodine Pharmaceuticals. A checklist of iodine compounds and preparations.-9\frac{3}{4} \times 7 in. Pp. 78 (including therapeutic index). 2s. 6d. Chilean Iodine Educational Bureau, Stone House, Bishopsgate, London. The large volume of inquiry regarding names, origins, formulas, and synonyms of various iodine compounds received by the Bureau has suggested the need for a published guide. Whilst it does not claim to include all products brought out since iodine was introduced nearly 150 years iodine-containing products human medicine in use today in the English-speaking world-together with a few of the well-known products of Germany, France, India and South America—are given exhaustively. The publishers ask for comment regarding any useful products that may have been omitted. The monographs, which occupy sixty-five doublecolumn pages, give a brief description of the physical properties of each substance

and its therapeutic use. Manufacturer names are not given.

Physiology and Pharmacology for Pharmaceutical Students.—H. H. Barber, B.Sc Ph.D. (London), F.R.I.C. Third edition  $\frac{3}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{4}$  in. Pp. x + 622. 25s. Bailierè, Tindall & Cox, 7 Henrietta Stree London, W.C.2. Published originally in 1937 as "Physiology for Pharmaceutica Students," the present edition has ha "Pharmacology" added to the title and 10 pages to the text. The book is designed to cover the requirements, in the subject dealt with, for degrees and diplomas pharmacy in most English-speaking countries. To that end most chapters conclusivith appropriate laboratory exercise Pharmacology occupies two chapters: on the pharmacology of some typical sustances and the other on quantitaty pharmacology. There is a chapter on the preparation and standardisation of ragents and staining solutions.

## **COMING EVENTS**

Items for inclusion under this heading should sent in time to reach the Editor not later than fi post on Wednesday of the week of insertion.

PHARMACIST FREEMASONS ATTENDING BRITI PHARMACIST FREEMASONS ATTENDING BRITI PHARMACEUTICAL CONFERENCE, who wish to atte a meeting of Temple Lodge No. 5196, Maso Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham, on Thursc September 4 (C. & D., May 10, p. 651) sho notify Mr. F. A. Bates, M.P.S., 195 Berric Road, Nottingham, of their intention to atte not later than August 22, giving rank and loc number.

#### TRADE REPORT

Spot quotations for pharmaceutical chemicals represent the prices for wholesale quantities of standard quality. Prices of crude drugs and essential oils vary as to brand or grade.

London, July 30

ALL markets were quiet during the past week pending an expected announcement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on new economy measures to be taken by the Government to balance the country's trade deficit.

Since the price schedules for Theobromine and Caffeine were withdrawn on July 21 (C. & D., July 26, p. 125) manufacturers have not made known their new prices. Quotations appear to vary according to quantity and destination, but for 1-cwt, lots in the home market they are approximately 9s. per lb. lower for Caffeine alkaloid B.P. and 8s. 6d, per lb. for Theobromine alkaloid than those in force before that date.

Some shippers of Tinnevelly SENNA have had to default on contracts for wetcrop f.a.q. Pods and in some cases have asked for an extension of the delivery time for LEAVES. The apparent crop failure in India and the political situation which developed in Egypt during the week has naturally tended to make Alexandria pods on the spot very firm. Otherwise the trend of prices for most CRUDE DRUGS was downward. Prime Cape Aldes was again easier at origin making the spot prices decline by 5s. per cwt. Influenced by lower Calcutta prices SHELLAC lost its recent firmness and was marked down by 5s. per cwt. African GINGER fell another 5s. per lb. over the previous week's quotations. Honey is in reasonable supply with several substantial shipments of Australian material due to land shortly. The size of the next Australian crop is uncertain and importers fear that it may be small. No business has been done in new rop ERGOT although firm offers were received from origin at from 17s, to 19s, per the cif Pusiness done on the Continent b., c.i.f, Business done on the Continent in Chinese Menthol was said to be re-sponsible for a rise in price of 1s. 6d. per b. for spot material. Brazilian on the ther hand was slightly weaker. Owing to Italy buying FENUGREEK in Morocco new-crop prices jumped by 5s. 6d. per cwt.

In Essential Oils there was a slight shading of prices in a few commodities. They included Lemongrass and Ceylon Citronella, both were threepence per lb. ower.

## U.S. Drug and Chemical Report

NEW YORK, JULY 29 PHE U.S. Bureau of Customs has re-classiied Dicalcium phosphate from an article entitled to entry free of duty to an item at 12½ per cent. ad valorem. Domestic MERCURY was quoted nominally at \$188-190 per flask, delivered, compared with \$190-193 previously. Synthetic Caffeine was reduced 50 cents per lb, to \$3.50 for the anhydrous alkaloid and \$3.30 for the hydrous, while Caffeine citrate dropped 25 cents to \$2.35. Lower priced foreign material brought a break in the price of Thymol to \$3.30 per lb, down 35 cents. The tight supply situation caused Agar to advance to \$2.00 for Kobé No. 1, up 15 cents. Sumatra Benzoin is now available at 33 cents per lb, down five cents. Active demand for California Lemon oil boosted the price to \$5.90, up five cents.

#### Pharmaceutical Chemicals

BENZAMINE.—B.P.C. LACTATE and HYDROCHLORIDE are 180s, per lb.

CAFFEINE. — 1-cwt. lots of the B.P. ALKALOID are about 27s. 6d. per lb., and the ANHYDROUS ALKALOID, 29s. 6d. per lb. The CITRATE is about 18s. 6d. per lb. for similar quantities,

GALLIC ACID.—B.P.C. is 8s. 7d. per lb. for 1-cwt, lots.

GLYCERIN.—Rates for chemically pure (B.P.) are as follows:—

	Under 1 cwt.		r cwt. and under 5 cwt.		5 cwt. and under 1 ton		I ton and under 5 ton		5 tons and under 25 tons	
Minimum										
deliveries off			I cwt.		I cwt.		5 cwt.		10 cwt.	
contract of										
Per cwt.	5.	d.	5.	d.	5.	d.	5.	d.	s.	d.
Tins			1	_	_					_
14-lb.	325	0	320	6	316	6	312		310	6
28-lb.	323	0	318	6	314	6	310		308	6
56-lb.	319	0	314	6	310	6	306	0	304	6
DRUMS										
I-cwt.	_		299	0	295	0	290		289	0
21-cwt.	_		296	6	293	0	288		287	. 0
5-cwt.					292	6	288		286	6
10-cwt.					291	6	287	6	286	0

For 25 tons and upwards (minimum delivery off contract of 2 tons), 14-lb, tins, 309s. 6d.; 28-lb., 307s. 6d.; 56-lb., 303s. 6d.; 1-cwt., drums. 288s.; 2½ cwt., 286s.; 5-cwt., 285s. 6d.; 10-cwt., 285s. Extra charges are made for smaller deliveries.

GLYCEROPHOSPHATES.—Rates per lb. for 1-cwt. lots are as follows:—ACID, 20 per cent., 5s. 9d.; CALCIUM, soluble, B.P.C., 12s. 3d.; IRON, B.P.C., scale, 17s 3d. and powder, 16s. 3d.; MAGNESIUM, soluble, B.P.C., 15s. 3d. and insoluble, 7s. 6d.; MANGANESE, 28s. 9d.; POTASSIUM, 50 per cent., 4s. 3d, and 75 per cent., 6s. 3d. sodium, 50 per cent., 4s. 9d.

HYPOPHOSPHITES. - Prices per lb. are unchanged as follows :-

unchanged	as	Tollows		
SALT		7 lb.	28 lb.	ı cwt.
Ammonium Barium Calcium Iron Magnesium Manganese Potassium Sodium		s. d. 12 10 7 10 5 11 12 1 9 4 10 11 7 11 6 7	s. d. 12 5 7 5 5 6 11 8 8 11 10 4 7 6	s. d. 12 0 7 0 5 1 11 3 8 6 9 6 7 1 5 9

ISONICOTINIC ACID HYDRAZIDE. — 1-cwt. lots are £26 per lb.

KHELLIN.—10-kilo lots are £118 15s. per

Lactose.—English, in 1-ton lots packed in 2-cwt. kegs, £142 per ton; in 1-cwt. kegs, £143 per ton. In 1-cwt. paper-lined kilo. bags, 5s. per cwt. less than the above rates. Prices include delivery in the United

Kingdom. LITHIUM SALTS.—Current rates for 1cwt. lots are as follows: -CARBONATE, 10s. 6d. per lb.; CHLORIDE (commercial), 10s.; Hydroxide, 10s.; Citrate, 8s. 6d.; Sulphate, 7s. 10d.; Salicylate, 9s. 6d.

MAGNESIUM CARBONATE. — Rates are:— In 5-cwt. lots, 149s. 8d. per cwt.; 1-cwt., 155s. 2d. (in bulk). HEAVY, B.P. in bulk is from 150s. per cwt., as to quantity.

OXALIC ACID .- In quantities of 1-ton and less than 2 tons, spot material for the home trade is £133 10s, per ton, in 5-cwt. casks: 10 cwt.-1 ton, £138 10s, per ton; 5 cwt.-10 cwt, £143 10s. In 1-cwt, kegs, prices are £4 per ton more; quantities of less than 5-cwt., £162 10s. per ton. Packages free; delivered in U.K.

Pancreatin.—1-cwt. lots of B.P. are now 8s. 6d. per lb. and U.S.P., 10s. 6d.

PHENYLACETIC ACID.—In 1-ton lots the price is now 5s. 6d. per lb.; 1-cwt., 6s. per lb. Perfumery grade, re-crystallised is from 8s. 6d. to 11s. 6d. per lb., as to quantity.

Physostigmine.—Rates per oz. for 25lots are as follows: ALKALOID, SALICYLATE, B.P., 118s.; SUL-157s. 6d.: РНАТЕ, B.P.C., 137s. 3d.

from PIPERAZINE. — Quotations 37s. 6d. per lb.

POTASSIUM ACETATE. — In 1-cwt. lots B.P. granules are 2s. 8d. per lb.

Potassium bicarbonate.—B.P. powder is 130s, per cwt.

POTASSIUM CHLORIDE. — In 1-cwt. lots B.P. is 1s. 6d, per lb.

POTASSIUM BROMATE.—In 5-cwt. lots, 7s. per lb. In small quantities the prices range up to 8s. 9d. per lb.

POTASSIUM NITRATE. — Pharmacopæial quality is 145s. per cwt. (crystal, granular or powder) and commercial, 90s.

POTASSIUM SULPHATE. - B.P.C. is from 100s, to 130s, per cwt., as to quantity.

POTASSIUM SULPHIDE. — B.P.C. lump and granulated are 1s. 11½d. and 2s. 3½d. per lb. respectively for 1-cwt. lots.

SODIUM ACETATE. - B.P.C. powder in 28-lb. lots is 1s. 9d. per lb.

SULPHOCARBOLATES.—SODIUM PHENOLSUL-PHONATE, B.P.C. (powder) is now 7s. 11d. per lb. in 28-lb. lots.; 7-lb., 8s. 3d. per lb. ZINC, B.P.C., is 7s. 7d. per lb. (28-lb.).

SACCHARIN.—In lots of 1-lb. and over B.P.C. powder is quoted at 98s. 4d. per lb.; the SODIUM SALT is 79s. 4d. per lb. Prices include duty and carriage.
SULPHAGUANADINE. — B.P.

22s. 6d. per lb. for 5-cwt. lots.

THEORROMINE.—The ALKALOID is about 30s. 6d. per lb., and the SODIUM SALICY LATE, 21s. per lb. for 1-cwt. lots.

ZINC CHLORIDE. — B.P.C., cake, is from

4s. 6d. to 4s. 10d. per lb.; sticks, from 5s. 10d. to 6s. 2d. per lb.

ZING SULPHATE.—B.P. in 1-cwt, lots if quoted at 1s. 4d. per lb.; 28-lb., 1s. 7d.

#### Crude Drugs

ACONITE.—Spanish napellus is 3s. 9d per lb., duty paid, ex wharf.

Aloes.—Prime Cape is weaker at abou 157s. 6d. per cwt., c.i.f.; spot is abou 180s. Curação is 360s. per cwt., spot.

ANTIMONY. — English, 99.6 per cent £237 10s.; 99 per cent., £225 per ton.

Asafœtida.—Persian block is £18 pe cwt., duty paid.

Balsams.—Canada: Spot is now 27s. 6 per lb. for clear bright, paper - filtered forward, 25s. 6d. per lb., c.if.; promp shipment. Copaiba: Para, soluble offered on the spot at 17s. 6d. per ll Peru is 14s. per lb., duty paid, and 12s. 9 c.if. Tolu (genuine as imported) on the spot is 22s. 6d. per lb., and for shipment. spot is 32s. 6d. per lb., and for shipmen 31s., c.i.f.

BENZOIN.-No. 1 Sumatra block on the spot is quoted at from £27 10s. per cw and for shipment, £25 10s. c.i.f. Sia almonds are from 27s. 6d. to 37s. 6d. p lb., spot, as to size.

BISMUTH. — In minimum 5-cwt. lo METAL is 21s. per lb.

Buchu.—New-crop rounds are offered

2s. 2d. per lb., on the spot. CAMPHOR. — Chinese (B.P.) powder the spot is 3s. 9d. per lb. in bond; 3-0 tablets are quoted at 5s. 10½d. per lb., du paid; 2½-lb. slabs, 4s. 9d. per lb., du paid.

Capsicums.—East African on stalk, & from 130s. to 146s. per cwt., spot, a 110s., c.i.f.; off stalk are 210s., spot.

CARDAMOMS. — Aleppy greens for sh ment are 14s. 9d. per lb., c.i.f., and sp 16s. 6d.

Cascara sagrada.—American bark, 19

peel, is 275s. per cwt., duty paid. New crop, 220s., c.i.f.

Cassia bark. — Whole on the spot is 115s. per cwt., in bond; forward, 96s.,

CHERRY BARK. — Thin cut natural is from 1s. 10s. to 2s. 2d. per lb., duty paid, as to holder.

CHILLIES.—Quiet. Sierra Leone on the spot are 200s. per cwt.; for shipment, 160s., c.i.f.; Mombasa, 240s. ex warehouse; for shipment, 210s., c.i.f.

CINCHONA. — Parcels of British East African chips testing 6.28 are offered at 1s, 6d, per lb., and Portuguese West African broken quills testing 7.26 at 1s. 9d. per lb.

CINNAMON. — Ceylon for shipment (c.i.f.): OOOO, 2s. 4\frac{3}{4}d.; OOO, 2s. 3\frac{3}{4}d.; OOO, 2s. 3\frac{3}{4}d.; OO, 2s. 1\frac{3}{4}d.; firsts, 1s. 8\frac{1}{2}d.; seconds, 1s. 8d; thirds, 1s. 6\frac{3}{4}d.; quillings, 1s. 4d.; featherings, 1s.; chips, 5\frac{1}{2}d. per lb.

CLOVES.—Firm. Quotations for Zanzibar are nominal at 9s. 3d. per lb. for spot and 8s. 1d., c.i.f., forward.

COCHINEAL.—Black is from 7s. 3d. to 7s. 9d. per lb., as to quality, and silver grey, 6s. 3d. to 7s., spot.

Colchicum.—Quiet. Corms on spot are offering at from 2s. 3d. to 3s. 6d. per lb.; seeds: forward offers at 6s. per lb., duty paid.

COLOCYNTH.—Pulp on the spot is 1s. 9d. per lb., duty paid.

ELEMI.—Spot offers are in the region of 245s. per cwt.

Ergor. — Portuguese new-crop offers range from 17s. to 19s. per lb., c.i.f. No business reported.

GAMBOGE.—Good average Siam pipe is 645 per cwt., spot.

GENTIAN.—French natural on spot is 115s. per cwt., and 112s., c.i.f.

GINGER. — African on the spot is 107s. 6d. per cwt., and 95s., c.i.f., August-September shipment. Spot quotations for Jamaican are from 160s. to 200s. per cwt., as to quality, and from 137s. 6d., c.i.f., for shipment.

GUAIACUM RESIN.—Quotations are from 3s. 3d. per lb. for spot material.

Gum acacia. — Kordofan cleaned sorts on the spot are 102s, 6d, per cwt.; shipnent, 93s., c.i.f., buyer's licence.

HENNA.—Indian green leaves are about 7s. 6d. per cwt., on the spot. August shipnent of Sudanese, 110s., c.i.f.

Honey.—Spot supplies of Australian are rom 105s, to 115s, per cwt., as to quanity, and Jamaican, 130s, per cwt. Argenine material is from 120s, to 125s, per cwt.

IPECACUANHA.—Forward offers of Nicar-

aguan, July-August shipment, are from 45s. to 46s. per lb., c.i.f., and Colombian, 41s., c.i.f. Spot quotations are: Nicaraguan, 48s., and Colombian, 44s.

Karaya. — No. 1 gum on the spot is about 230s. per cwt.; No. 2, 165s.; No. 1 for shipment is 185s., c.i.f.

Kola nuts.—African halves are available on the spot at 5d. per lb., 3\frac{3}{4}d., c.i.f., prompt shipment.

LIQUORICE. — Anatolian natural whole root on spot in London is quoted at 52s. 6d. per cwt.; Syrian, natural, is 42s. 6d. Block juice quotations are from 180s. upwards, according to holder, duty paid; Turkish stick is 240s. per cwt., duty paid; Italian stick, 475s. per cwt., duty paid.

Mace. — West Indian pale blade is 8s. 6d. per lb., for shipment; 7s. 6d., c.i.f.

MASTIC.—Quotations for tears (No. 2) are from 12s. per lb., spot.

Menthol.—Chinese is firmer at 57s. 6d. per lb., duty paid. Brazilian is 45s., duty paid.

MERCURY.—Spot quotations are from £65 to £65 10s. per flask, ex warehouse.

Myrrh.—Aden selected sorts are quoted at from £17 to £18 per cwt., on the spot. Siftings are from £7 10s. to £8 10s., and granulated, £13.

Nutmegs. — Quiet. West Indian 80's quoted at 3s. 4d. per lb. on the spot and 2s. 8½d., c.i.f., for shipment. East Indian for shipment, 2s. 8d., c.i.f.

Orris root. — Offers of good quality Florentine are now 155s, per cwt., ex warehouse.

Podophyllum.—Emodi root on the spot is 275s. per cwt., nominal. Shipment offers are about 200s., c.i.f.

QUILLAIA. — Forward rates for whole bark are lower at £95 per ton, c.i.f.

RHUBARE.—Quiet. Shensi is 11s, 6d, per lb.; Double Deer No. 1, 8s.; other grades of Chinese rough round at from 3s. 9d, to 6s., all duty paid.

Saffron. — Mancha superior is offered at about 175s, per lb. on the spot for small lots.

Sandarac. — Morocco is offering on the spot at 18s. per lb.

Sarsaparilla.—Jamaican native red is about 2s. 6d. per lb., on the spot.

Senega. — Quiet. Spot supplies are 12s. 6d. per lb. July-August shipment offers are 10s. per lb., c.i.f., for new-crop.

SEEDS.—ANISE.—Turkish, 135s. per cwt., in bond. Caraway.—Dutch quoted at 94s, per cwt., duty paid. Celery.—Indian has been sold at 1s. 10d. per lb., spot London. Coriander.—Spot market quiet. Argentine splits quoted at 52s, 6d, per cwt., duty paid; Morocco. 52s. 6d., duty paid, and 48s., in bond. Shipment: Morocco remains

firm at 40s., c.i.f., for August shipment. Cumin.—Spot market dull. Cyprus, 185s. per cwt.; Indian, 180s. and Morocco, 190s., DILL.-Indian now offered at 80s. per cwt.; spot. FENNEL. — Indian, 200s. per cwt.; French, 185s., duty paid, and 175s. in bond, all spot London. FENUGREEK.—Morocco on the spot, London. in bond. don or Liverpool, now 40s. per cwt., duty paid. New-crop for shipment has jumped to 37s. 6d. per cwt., c.i.f. Mustard.— English, 85s. to 105s., according to quality.

SENNA.-Firm. Tinnevelly wet-crop quotations (c.i.f.) are: LEAVES: Prime No. 1, 1s. 4d. per lb.; No. 2, 1s. 1½d.; No. 3, 10d.; Pods: f.a.q., nominal; handpicked, 2s. to 2s. 6d., according to quality.

Alexandria: Manufacturing Pods, 1s. 6d., aif.; handpicked, 4s. 6d. to 7s. spot. c.i.f.; hand-picked, 4s. 6d. to 7s., spot.

SHELLAC. — Spot quotations are:—F.O.T.N., pure, 192s. 6d.; F.O. standard No. 1, 215s.; fine orange, 230s. to 290s. per cwt., ex-London warehouse.

STYRAX.—Spot is 7s. 3d. per lb., duty

paid.

TRAGACANTH.—No. 1 ribbon on the spot is £150 per cwt.; No. 2, £130; No. 3, £95.

VALERIAN.—Steady. Indian is offered at 140s. per cwt., spot, and Belgian at 215s.

## **Essential and Expressed Oils**

ALMOND. - English - distilled is from 6s. 6d. per lb.

Amber.—Rectified on the spot is quoted

at from 1s. 6d. per lb.

Anise. — Spot supplies are offered at 8s. 6d. per lb., and shipment, 8s. 4½d., c.i.f.

BERGAMOT. - Nominal spot value is from 100s. to 105s. per lb.

BIRCH TAR.—Rectified is from 10s. to 12s. 6d. per lb., on the spot.

Bois DE Rose.—Brazilian on the spot is 33s, 6d, per lb.

CADE. - Supplies of Spanish are from 2s. per lb., ex warehouse, London.

CAMPHOR. WHITE. — Chinese is 4s. 6d. ner lb., on the spot.

CANANGA .- Supplies to come forward are quoted at from 60s. per lb., c.i.f.

CARDAMOM. — English-distilled is from 500s. per lb. for spot material, and imported, 400s. per lb.

Castor oil .- In minimum 2-ton lots the price of B.P. quality for July-August de-livery is £206 per ton naked, ex mill. For September-December delivery the price is £191.

CINNAMON.—B.P. oil on the spot is quoted at from 65s, to 70s, per lb. English bark oil is offered at 22s, 6d. per oz., Ceylon leaf, 10s. per lb., spot, for 5-cwt.

CITRONELLA. - Spot prices for original drums are: Ceylon, 4s. per lb.; For-

mosa, 4s., in bond; Java, 4s. 9d., in bond Forward: Ceylon, 3s. 7d.; Formosa 3s. 6d., and Java, 4s. 4d., all c.i.f., Augus shipment.

Cod-Liver.—Medicinal, B.P., is 11s. 6d per gall, in charged returnable drums t retailers. Veterinary is from 11s. 4d. pe gall.

EUCALYPTUS.—Drum lots of 70 to 7 per cent, eucalyptol on the spot are 7s. 3c per lb., and 80 to 85 per cent., 7s. 6d.

GERANIUM. - Bourbon on the spot i

85s, per lb. GINGER. — English-distilled oil is from 120s. to 150s. per lb., as to grade. Imported oils are available at from 85s. pe lb., as to quantity.

LAVENDER.—French, 40-42 per cent. line lol on the spot is from 43s. 6d. per ll Spanish spike is 11s. 3d. per lb.

LAVANDIN.—Quotations for spot supplie are about 17s. 6d. per lb.

Lemon. — Sicilian hand-pressed (4 pe cent. citral) is quoted at from 40s. per lb c.i.f.; spot is from 40s. to 45s.

Lemongrass.—Forward quotations at 8s. 3d. per lb., c.i.f. Spot supplies at offered at 8s. 9d. per lb.

Lime.—Limited supplies of West India distilled are about 65s. per lb., on the

Nutmeg.—English-distilled oil is abou 38s. per lb. Imported oil (B.P.) is offere at 30s. per lb., duty paid for drum lots.

Origanum.—In original containers th price is 14s. per lb.

Palmarosa. — Spot quotations for Fo mosan are 37s. 6d. per lb. East Indian 52s. 6d., c.i.f.

PATCHOULI. — Spot supplies of Penar are offered at 58s. per lb., and forwar 52s. 6d., c.i.f.

Pennyroyal.—Offers for immediate ship ment are 25s. per lb., landed, duty pai for small lots.

PEPPERMINT.—Firm. Chinese arvens oil on the spot is from 37s. 6d. per lb. fo Chinese arvens 5-case lots: Brazilian, 17s. per lb., i drums: Italian "Mitcham" type, fro 58s. 6d. to 60s.

Petitgrain.—Paraguay on the spot fróm 21s. per lb.

ROSEMARY. - Spanish oil on the sp is from 6s. per lb., duty paid, as quantity.

SAGE.—Spanish is offered at 10s. 6d. p lb., spot.

Sassafras.—Brazilian natural is offe ing at from 6s. 6d. to 7s, 6d. per lb., du paid, according to grade.

SPEARMINT.—Firm. U.S.P. is scarce of the spot at 73s. per lb., nominal.

Vetivert.—Bourbon in original drun is 155s. per lb., spot.

## MANUFACTURING DIFFICULTIES IN MEXICO

MEXICAN pharmaceutical laboratories have been experiencing difficulties ever since—more than three years ago—the department of economy froze prices on branded products manufactured in the country. The Department has, in specific instances, permitted a price increase after studying reports of increased costs. Even so, costs of production have been out of proportion to increases allowed, and some laboratories with modest capital have been forced to close their doors on business.

As examples of the "skyrocketing" of prices experienced by the industry, an examination of costs for kaolin and glycerin from 1945 onwards gives a clear indication of conditions faced by manufacturers. Kaolin, obtainable from various sections of the Republic, was in 1945 priced at around 65 to 70 centavos per kilo. Today the cost has risen to \$3. In the same period glycerin has risen from \$2 50 pesos to \$12 per kilo. Theoretically manufacturers can import glycerin from the U.S.

at a much lower price than that paid for the domestic product, notwithstanding a high tariff. However, the problem of obtaining special permits for the product is so involved that it is almost impossible to obtain the required import permission and recently imports have been almost nonexistent.

Another problem is the scarcity of bottles that developed about a year ago. Orders by laboratories are not met, owing to shortages in production. There is a special need for bottles of special types for the pharmaceutical industry. These, in the past, have been imported. Now the department has stipulated that, before an import permit is granted, the pharmaceutical house must show a letter in which a Mexican bottle manufacturer states that he is not in a position to supply. Such letters have not been forthcoming from the Mexican bottling industry, with the result that special products must, after considerable delay, be bottled in containers supplied by the home industry.

## OVERSEAS ECONOMIC REPORTS

REPORTS on the economic and commercial conditions in Indonesia, Portuguese East Africa, Guatemala, and Peru, were published recently by H.M. Stationery Office, Kingsway, London, W.C.2. The following information of interest to the pharmaceutical and allied industries has been abstracted from the surveys:—

Indonesia.—The country's total imports of pharmaceuticals during 1950 were 10.2 million rupiahs (R.31.71—£1 for imports and exports), and perfumery, cosmetics, etc., R.3.9 millions. Total imports from the U.K: amounted to R.112.1 millions and exports were R.99.2 millions.

Guatemala.—The United States is by ar the largest supplier of the country's mports. The values of pharmaceutical products imported in 1948 and 1949 were ust over Quetzal 1 million (U.S. \$1 million). In recent years Guatemala has become the world's largest producer of itronella oil and the second largest producer of lemongrass oil. Experiments with geranium and patchouli are being conducted and it is believed that peppermint and vintergreen might be tried in the temperate uplands.

Portuguese East Africa.—The excellent nedical services of the Province and its ver-increasing industries provide a ready market for fine and heavy chemicals and pharmaceutical goods. Medical aid to natives is free and to government officials and their families, as well as permanent residents with incomes below escudos 2,000 per month (80 escudos=£1). Health services during 1950 took chemical products and pharmaceutical products to the value of contos 15,700 (1 conto=£12 10s.) by public tender (the normal means of acquiring the products there). During the year the country imported medicines valued at contos 2,823.

Peru.—About 30 laboratories make various pharmaceutical products and supply about 80 per cent. of local consumption. Capital invested in the enterprises is estimated at 30 million soles (£1=42.88 soles) and production at 150 million soles. About twelve factories make soap, using locally produced cotton-seed oil. Cosmetics are also produced including some well-known foreign brands on a royalty basis. Imports of chemical and pharmaceutical products in 1950 was 153 million soles (£3.8 millions) of which £96,000-worth (6 per cent.) come from the United Kingdom. In 1946 the U.K. goods imported were worth over £2 millions. The United States, Switzerland, Chile and Canada were the other chief sources of supply.

#### PRINT AND PUBLICITY

Poultry Products.—Pharmaceutical Specialities (May & Baker), Ltd., Dagenham, Essex, issue an 8-p. price list of their "poultry products."

Polythene Bottles.—A 6-p. leaflet on polythene containers entitled "Cut Transport Costs with Bottles that Bounce" is available from Cascelloid, Ltd., Abbey Lane, Leicester, Leics.

Disinfectant in the Garden.—The use of Jeyes' fluid in the garden is described in an 8-p. leaflet issued by Jeyes' Sanitary Compounds, Co., Ltd., Millbrook, Chigwell, Essex.

Catalogue of Compacts.—Jarrett, Rainsford & Laughton, Ltd., Leominster Works, Lower Essex Street, Birmingham, issue a loose-leaf catalogue of their powder compacts entitled "Compacts by Stratton."

Film Catalogue.—A loose-leaf catalogue of 16 mm. sound films available on loan from Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., Bolton House, Curzon Street, London, W.I, has been issued by the company.

Hot Water Bottles.—An 18-p. catalogue of Subaseal hot water bottles, bathing caps and pharmaceutical and chemists' sundries has been issued by W. Freeman & Co., Ltd., Suba-seal Works, Barnsley, Yorks.

History of a Company.—A 32-p. booklet issued by Polak & Schwarz (England), Ltd., 50 Great Cambridge Road, Enfield, Middlesex, deals with the history of the organisation to which the company belongs.

National Advertising. — WRIGHT, LAYMAN & UMNEY, LTD., 42 Southwark Street, London, S.E. I, are nationally advertising their coal tar soapless liquid shampoo.—Lucozade is being advertised in the "Radio Times" by LUCOZADE, LTD., Great West Road, Brentford, Middlesex.

Literature for Microscopists.—Among recent publications of George T. Gurr, Ltd., 136 New King's Road, London, S.W.6, are: "Biological Stains and Reagents, 1952" (28-p. catalogue); "Gurr's Commentary," No. 9. (4 pp.); "A New Lamp for Fluorescence Microscopy" and "Gurr's Staining Plate" (2-p. leaflets).

Medical Leaflets.—Leaflets, folders and booklets are obtainable from manufacturers as listed below:—

ALLEN & HANBURYS, LTD., Bethnal Green, London, E.2: "Gentle Persuasion—I-so-gel", "Sulpenin" (4-p. leaflets); "Prolonging the Action of Morphine with Hyperduric Morphine" (card); "A Simple Technique for Routine Use of Tuberculin Diagnostic Jelly, A. & H." (8-p. booklet).

Burroughs Wellcome & Co., 183 Euston Road, London, N.W.1: "Foremost in Diabetes: Three Wellcome Insulins" (blotter); "Where Depression is a Problem—Tabloid Methedrine," "In the Management of Obesity—Methedrine" (4-p. leaflets); "Obstetrics: B. W. & Co. Products" (8-p. booklet).

CIBA LABORATORIES, LTD., Horsham, 'Viozol'' (4-p. leaflet); "Sublingual Hormone Therapy with Linguets" (8-p. leaflet).

#### TRADE MARKS

From the "Trade Marks Journal," July 16

For toilet preparations for the hair (3). SHAMPAIR, 706,656, by Icilma Co., Ltd., Loi don, E.C.4.

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For preparations for purifying air (5).
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G.m.b.H., Stolberg-im-Rheinland, Germany.

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For pharmaceutical preparations of penicillin (5)
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LIN, 706,952-55, by Boots Pure Drug Co., Lt

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BENEFAX, 707,095, by Kylon, Ltd., Londer

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SHELBEX, 707,276, by Halex, Ltd., Londo

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I. By stimulating the secretion of the adrenocortical hormones.

2. (a) (i) Estrogens (estradiol), an (ii) progestins (progesterone). (b) (i) Et inylæstradiol, stilbæstrol, hexæstrol an dienæstrol; (ii) Ethisterone.



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